



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING WEBINAR

June 23, 2020

FOR THE PROPOSED

**Pleasant Street at Village/Vine Streets Intersection Improvements
MassDOT Project No. 608146**

Roadway Project Management Section

IN THE TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION**

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING WEBINAR
Project File No. 608146**

A Design Public Hearing webinar will be published on the MassDOT website to present the design for the proposed intersection improvements at Pleasant Street & Village, Vine and Cross Streets project in Marblehead, MA.

WHEN: Tuesday June 23th, 2020

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing webinar is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed intersection improvements at Pleasant Street & Village, Vine and Cross Streets project. All views and comments in response to the webinar will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: This project includes the intersection improvements at Pleasant Street & Village, Vine and Cross Streets in the Town of Marblehead a length of approximately 0.123 miles. The proposed improvements consist of the realignment of Vine Street to form a “T” intersection, narrowing and realigning Pleasant Street to minimize crossing distance, the installation of new sidewalk, signs, enhanced lighting, modest drainage modifications as well as ADA/AAAB crossing enhancements and shared bicycle accommodations. The length of the project involves approximately 800 linear feet – 400 linear feet on Pleasant Street (200 feet east and west of the intersection), 150 linear feet on Village Street, 150 linear feet on Vine Street, and 100 linear feet on Cross Street. Drainage and utility adjustments will be made as needed to accommodate the proposed intersection channelization modifications

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **Town of Marblehead** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the webinar.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the webinar, plans and a project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Roadway Project Management**, Project File No. **608146**. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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Hearing webinar cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is committed to building and maintaining a transportation infrastructure that is both safe and efficient for all who use our roadways, bridges, bicycle facilities and pedestrian paths, while maintaining the integrity of the environment.

As part of the design process for this project, we are conducting this public hearing to explain the proposed improvements, listen to your comments and answer any questions you may have. At the conclusion of the hearing, MassDOT will review all of your comments and, where feasible, incorporate them into the design of the project.

We recognize that road and bridge construction can create inconveniences for the public. MassDOT places a great deal of emphasis on minimizing the temporary disruptive effects of construction.

MassDOT encourages input from local communities and values your opinions. Please be assured that we will undertake no project without addressing the concerns of the community.

Sincerely,
Patricia A Leavenworth, P. E.
Chief Engineer

WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING WEBINAR?

WHY A PUBLIC HEARING WEBINAR?

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will utilize technologies as an assured virtual method for furnishing to the public information concerning the State and municipal highways and roadways construction proposals, and to afford every interested resident of the area an opportunity to be heard on any proposed project. At the same time, the hearings afford the Commonwealth an additional opportunity to receive information from local sources which would be of value to the State in making its final decisions to what design should be advanced for development.

WHY NOT A VOTE ON HIGHWAY PLANS?

The hearings are not intended to be a popular referendum for the purpose of determining the nature of a proposed improvement by a majority of those present. They do not relieve the duly constituted State and local jurisdiction officials of roadways and highways of the necessity for making decisions in roadway and highway matters for which they are charged with full responsibility.

WHAT DOES A PUBLIC HEARING ACCOMPLISH?

It is designed to ensure the opportunity for, or the availability of, a forum to provide factual information which is pertinent to the determination of the final alternative considered by the state to best serve the public interest, and on which improvement projects are proposed to be undertaken.

It is important that the people of the area express their views and comments in regard to the proposal being presented, so that views can be properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. These minutes will be carefully studied and taken into consideration in the determination of the final design. The public also encouraged to express views and positions whether for or against any part or the entirety of a proposal. It will be helpful to MassDOT if expressed views are accompanied by brief explanation of such views.

RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES

A secured right of way is necessary for this project. Temporary construction easements may be required. Your municipality is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in private or public lands. If your property is affected, your rights are fully protected under the law.

1. REASON FOR PROJECT

The completion of this project will serve local needs. The proposed enhancement will also be in the interest of others in the greater community and provides for the public good.

2. WHO CONTACTS ME?

Representatives of the municipality may have already contacted you or will be contacting you. They will explain the process and procedures used in acquiring any necessary rights in land.

3. WHAT ABOUT DONATIONS? WHAT IS A RIGHT OF ENTRY?

Town officials will often seek donations, of parcels, where permanent rights are required. This procedure will minimize the acquisition cost for your community.

A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection, etc. The rights granted are temporary in nature.

4. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR ACQUIRED PARCELS?

In the event that donations are not considered, or completed, every effort will be made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded. Municipal and/or outside appraisers will complete an appraisal. Consideration is given to the type of rights needed, whether in fee, permanent or temporary easements. The appraisal will be the basis for arriving at a fair price (for damages that result).

5. MUST I ACCEPT THE MUNICIPALITY OFFER?

No, if the owner feels that the offer is not fair, the owner may petition the courts. This action does not stop or delay the acquisition. The action must occur within 3 years. The owner(s) may be paid pro tanto (for the time being). The pro tanto payment will not prejudice the court's final decision.



Figure 1: Project Locus

Intersection Improvements at Pleasant, Village, Vine and Cross Streets
Functional Design Report, Marblehead, MA

March 2016



Map Source: Office of Geographic and Environmental
Information (MassGIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Scale: 0 1,000 Feet



Pleasant Street at Village/Vine Streets Intersection Improvement Marblehead, MA

Project Description

The proposed project includes roadway and sidewalk improvements around the intersection of Pleasant Street with Village/Vine/Cross Street. Intent of this project is to improve safety and mobility for all users along the corridor and enhance pedestrian accommodation. The project will include rehabilitation of the roadway pavement, accessibility improvements to the sidewalks, geometry modifications and traffic improvements.

Proposed Improvements

In general the project includes rehabilitation of the roadway pavement, realignment of Vine Street and accessibility improvements to sidewalks. Pleasant Street's cross-section will be reconfigured to provide 12 foot travel lanes with 5 foot shoulders and 6 foot sidewalks within the project limits. Reconstructed sections of Village, Vine and Cross Street will include 11 foot travel lanes with 6 foot sidewalks. Additional elements of the project include:

- Vine Street will be realigned such that it intersects Pleasant Street at 90 degrees, approximately 60 feet south of Village Street.
- Village Street will be extended approximately 40 feet to the east to intersect Pleasant Street at 90 degrees.
- Mill and overlay of the roadway pavement with full depth construction in areas of widening/realignment.

Existing Conditions

Pleasant Street is classified as Urban Principal Arterial and is a major north/south roadway connecting Northern Marblehead to Salem and Swampscott. Traffic flow on Pleasant Street is separated by a double yellow centerline. This area of Pleasant Street is posted as a school zone with a speed limit of 20 MPH. Existing roadway cross section on Pleasant Street in the project area typically consists of two 16-foot general purpose travel lanes (one in each direction) with 5.5 foot sidewalks on both sides. The width of the southbound lane on Pleasant Street widens considerably approaching the intersection with Village/Vine Street.

Right-of-Way Impacts

One permanent acquisition of property will be required for the realignment of Vine Street with permanent easements required for portions of sidewalks and overhead utilities. Temporary construction easements are required to reconstruct driveways and accommodate grading from the construction of sidewalks. MassDOT's policies

concerning land acquisition and obtaining construction easements will be discussed during the hearing.

Maintenance of Traffic During Construction

It is the intent that all streets will remain open to traffic during the project's construction. However, lane reductions may be required to facilitate construction. Driveway access to and from abutting properties will be maintained at all times during construction.

Project Status - Schedule

This project has been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2021. The Plans on display this evening are at the 25% Design Stage (Preliminary Design Stage). Design and right of way acquisition are anticipated to be complete in early 2021 with construction starting in the Fall of 2021. Comments from this hearing will be reviewed and considered to the fullest extent possible.

Project Construction Cost

The project construction cost will be funded with a combination of moneys from the Federal Highway Administration and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is currently estimated at \$800,000.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

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This sheet is provided for your comments. Your input is solicited and appreciated. Please mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer
MassDOT – Highway Division
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Roadway Project Management

The final date for receipt of written statements and exhibits for inclusion into the official hearing transcript will be ten (10) days after the Public Hearing Webinar.

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