



**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**DECEMBER 4, 2025**

**AT**

**Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium**

**135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739**

**6:30PM to 7:30PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street,  
Beacon Street and Marion Road  
Project No. 607440**

**IN THE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

**CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**Mattapoisett – Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street,  
Beacon Street and Marion Road  
Project File No. 607440**

A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in **Mattapoisett, MA**.

WHERE: Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium  
135 Marion Road  
Mattapoisett, MA 02739

WHEN: Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:30PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road between Tobey Lane and Route 6 (a total distance of approximately 1.39 miles). The project will include construction of new concrete sidewalks, varying in width from 5 feet to 11 feet wide, on at least one side of the roadway for the entire length. Other improvements consist of replacement of the existing closed drainage and water distribution systems, and full-depth pavement reconstruction.

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

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management, Project File No. 607440**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

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CHIEF ENGINEER



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,

Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E.  
Acting Chief Engineer

## **WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?**

### **WHY A PUBLIC HEARING?**

To provide an assured method whereby the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can furnish to the public information concerning the State's highway 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 officials of a State highway department of the necessity for making decisions in State 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 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.



## **RIGHT OF WAY CONCERNS**

Your Municipality is responsible for securing the right of way for this project. If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the Municipality for highway purposes in the interest of all people of the Commonwealth, your rights are fully protected under the law. Briefly, here are some of the answers to questions you might ask.

### **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 provide for the public good.

### **2. WHO CONTACTS ME?**

Representatives of the municipality have already contacted or will contact you. They will explain the 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 THE 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.





Source: Nearmap



Locus Map  
Mattapoissett, Massachusetts

**Figure 1**



0 1000 2000 Feet



### **Project Description**

The Town of Mattapoisett and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division (MassDOT) are proposing the reconstruction of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road, totaling approximately 1.4 miles. The project includes roadway reconstruction, sidewalk construction, and upgrades to the existing drainage and water systems.

### **Proposed Improvements**

The project includes roadway reconstruction and construction of concrete sidewalks. The proposed improvements will include full-deep pavement, installation of new curbing, concrete sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, crosswalks, and an upgraded drainage system. Gas upgrades are on-going.

### **Existing Conditions**

- Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road are all functionally classified as Urban Collectors providing one travel lane in each direction.
- The project corridor carries between 1,400 and 2,000 vehicles per day.
- The existing roadway width varies between 20 feet and 30 feet.
- Pedestrian facilities are in poor condition for much of the corridor and are not continuous.
- Bicycle facilities are not currently present along the project corridor.

### **Proposed Improvements**

The project includes the following major elements:

- Full depth reconstruction of the roadway to provide a consistent 24-foot pavement width, with a single 12-foot travel lane in each direction.
- ADA-compliant sidewalks on at least one side of the entire corridor. Two sidewalks are proposed on Main Street between Depot Street and Church Street and on Water Street between Cannon Street and North Street.
- Realignment of several intersections to reduce skews and improve sight lines.
- Upgrades to the existing drainage network to improve capacity and treatment.

### **Trees**

The project has been designed to minimize impacts to existing trees while still accomplishing the identified project goals. As part of the project, 32 trees are anticipated to be removed, 24 of which were considered hazardous by the project arborist. Locations for potential tree plantings and landscaping along the corridor will be identified prior to the 75% Design Submission.

### **Project Status – Project Schedule**

The project has been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2028. The Plans included in tonight's presentation are at the 25% Design Stage (Preliminary Design Stage). Comments from this evening will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

### **Project Construction Cost**

The project construction costs will be funded with a combination of monies from the Federal Highway Administration and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is currently estimated at approximately \$18.4 million.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

**Mattapoisett, MA**  
Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street,  
Beacon Street and Marion Road  
**Project File No. 607440**

This sheet is provided for your comments. Your input is solicited and appreciated. You may e-mail comments directly to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer  
MassDOT – Highway Division  
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973  
Attn: Project Management

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