



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

INTERSECTIONS IMPROVEMENTS

Mount Pleasant Street at Nash Road

Project No. 610798

Highway Design

IN THE CITY NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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

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CHIEF ENGINEER**

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

Project Description: New Bedford – Intersection Improvements at Mount Pleasant Street and Nash Road
Project File No. 610798

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in **New Bedford, MA**.

WHEN: 6:00PM, August 25, 2026

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 the intersection of Mount Pleasant Street and Nash Road. The project will start along Mount Pleasant Street, north of Nauset Street and Hathaway Road, and end north of Nash Road, just beyond the Route 140 overpass. On Nash Road, the work begins just west of the Route 140 overpass and ends just east of Stanley Street. The scope of the project includes new traffic and pedestrian signals, ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps, bicycle accommodations including buffered bicycle lanes and a shared use path, new pavement, new signing and striping, new street lighting, relocation of overhead wires and upgraded roadway drainage infrastructure. These upgrades aim to improve accessibility, safety and functionality for all users.

A secure right-of-way may be necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **City of New Bedford 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. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, **Project File No. 610798**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

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). 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.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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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,

Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E.
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?

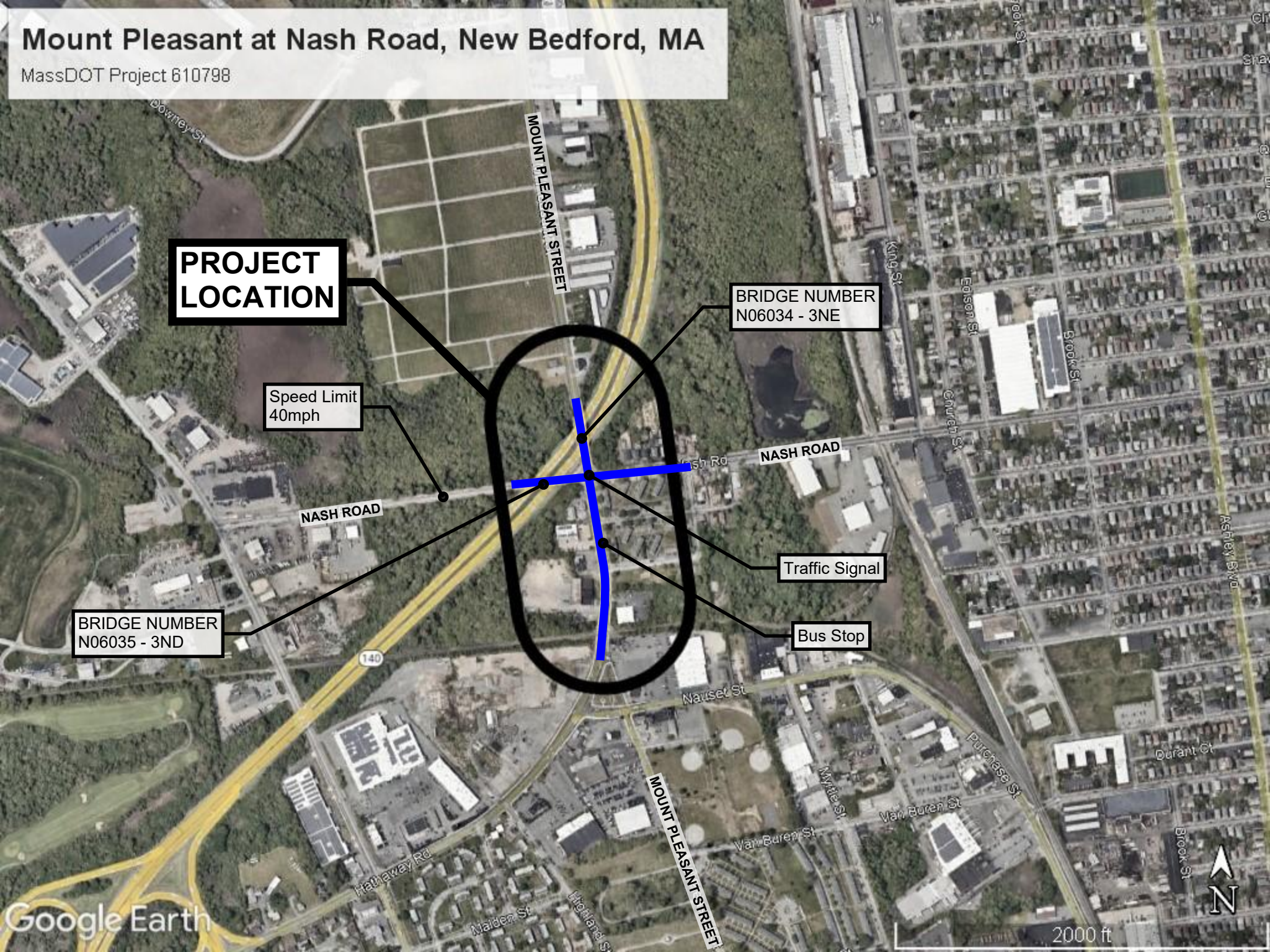
In the event that donations are not considered, or completed, every effort will be made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded. Municipal and/or outside appraisers will complete an appraisal. Consideration is given to the type of rights needed, whether in fee, permanent or temporary easements. 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.

Mount Pleasant at Nash Road, New Bedford, MA

MassDOT Project 610798



**PROJECT
LOCATION**

Speed Limit
40mph

BRIDGE NUMBER
N06034 - 3NE

BRIDGE NUMBER
N06035 - 3ND

Traffic Signal

Bus Stop

Google Earth

2000 ft



Intersection Improvements at Mount Pleasant Street and Nash Road in New Bedford, MA

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in New Bedford, MA, specifically at the intersection of Mount Pleasant Street and Nash Road. It involves reconstructing the intersection and improving the surrounding area. The project will start along Mount Pleasant Street, north of Nauset Street and Hathaway Road, and end north of Nash Road, just beyond the Route 140 overpass. On Nash Road, the work begins just west of the Route 140 overpass and ends just east of Stanley Street. A Locus Map outlining the project limits is attached for reference.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to increase safety for all modes of transportation and improve intersection operation. The improvements proposed as part of this project will address the existing safety concerns and improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The Project will include a full upgrade of the existing traffic signal equipment.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed improvements include:

- Signalization for pedestrians and vehicles
- New street lighting
- Improvement to the lane geometry
- Roadway pavement reconstruction
- Bridge pavement mill and overlay
- Upgraded signing and striping
- Construction of buffered bicycle lanes
- Construction of a shared use path
- Reconstruction of sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
- Relocated utility poles
- Stormwater infrastructure improvements

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

During typical construction operations, all roadways in the project area will remain open to residents and other traffic. Occasional short traffic disruptions and travel lane/shoulder closures may occur, but every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to the travelling public and abutting residents and businesses. Pedestrian and vehicular access to abutting properties will be maintained throughout construction except for very short periods to reconstruct access.

RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS

Temporary construction easements will be required for grading impacts to lawns, driveways, and walkways and to restore impacts to adjacent properties. Permanent utility easements will be required for the relocation and support of utility poles and overhead wires. Permanent easements will be required for sidewalk reconstruction, and installation of traffic signal equipment and guardrail. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisition will be discussed at this hearing.

PROJECT COST

The current estimate of the total construction cost of this project is approximately \$7.1 million.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The design plans presented this evening are at the 25% design stage. Final design, permitting and right of way acquisition must be completed prior to construction. Design is currently anticipated to be completed in Spring 2028, however, this is subject to change.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

City of New Bedford, MA
Intersection Improvements at Mount Pleasant Street and Nash Road
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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 or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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MassDOT – Highway Division
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Project Management

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