



**VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARCH 10, 2026**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Bridge Replacement, N-16-004, Mendon Road  
over Abbott Run River  
Project No. 607348  
Highway Design**

**IN THE TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, 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 VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

**Project Description: North Attleborough – Bridge Replacement, Br# N-16-004, Mendon Road over Abbott Run River**  
**Project File No. 607348**

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

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 10, 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 replacing existing Bridge No. N-16-004 (3JU) located on Mendon Road, south of the intersection with Depot Street, spanning Abbott Run River with a replacement bridge structure in the Town of North Attleborough, Massachusetts. The project includes enhanced pedestrian and bicyclist facilities per MassDOT Healthy Transportation Policy Directive (P-13-0001).

The project limits begin approximately 250 feet north of the Mendon Road and Depot Street intersection and continue south across the existing bridge structure approximately 250 feet south of the intersection of Mendon Road and Chase Street, resulting in a total project length of approximately 0.15 miles or 800 linear feet, with bicycle accommodation consisting of a usable shoulder are proposed in accordance with applicable design guides.

The project includes bridge replacement, full-depth pavement construction, roadway resurfacing, the inclusion of complete street elements including ADA accessibility, pedestrian curb ramps, pedestrian sidewalks and wide shoulder for bicycle accommodations, pavement marking and restriping, improved signage, and associated drainage and utility adjustments. Any work on the minor streets will be limited to similar approach work.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town of North Attleborough 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](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. 607348. 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](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.

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.

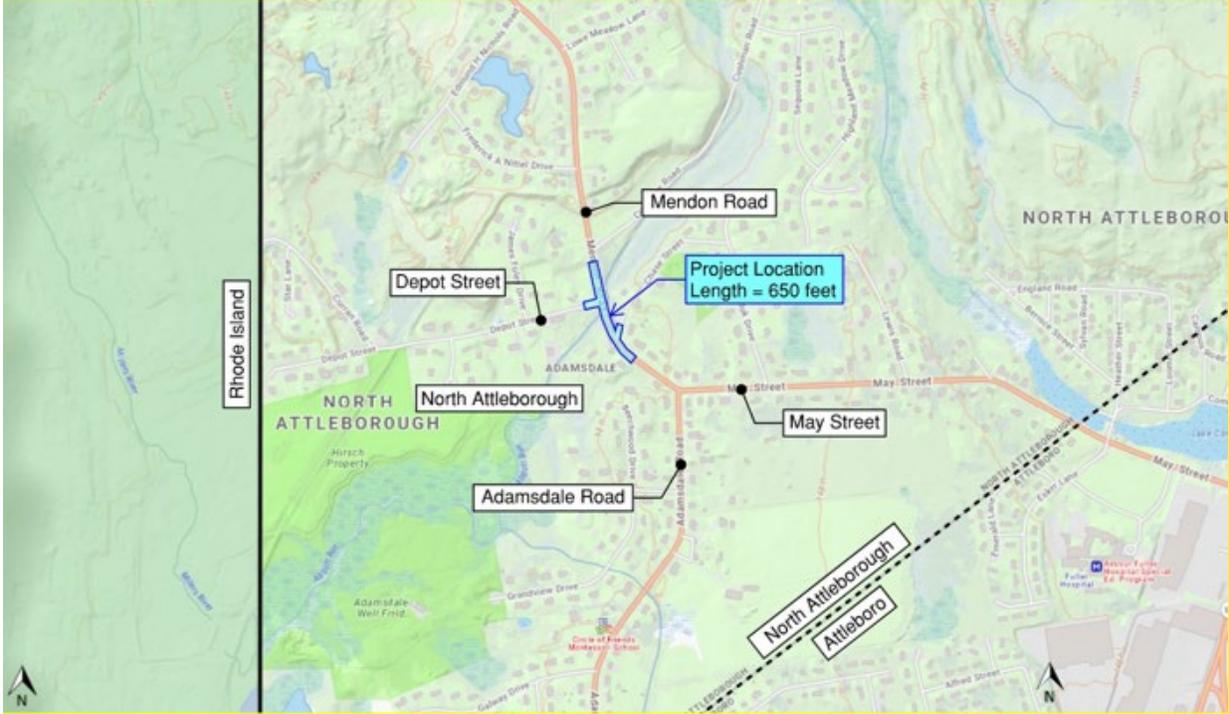
As part of the design process for this project, we are conducting this public hearing to explain the proposed improvements, listen to your comments and answer any questions you may have. At the conclusion of the hearing, MassDOT will review all of your comments and, where feasible, incorporate them into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

## HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHY WAS THIS PROJECT INITIATED?

MassDOT initiated in 2021 and the consultant has progressed the project up to 25% Design and the Bridge Sketch plans. The project will replace a structurally deficient bridge and improve the approach roadways on each side.

## WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?

The project's goals and scope include the following:

- Replace structurally deficient bridge, railings, and guardrail
- Improve bridge hydraulic opening and river channel alignment
- Repave roadways, improve profile and approaches
- Improve site grading and cut back excessive vegetation
- Improve sidewalk for pedestrian access
- Improve drainage and utilities within site limits
- Limit construction duration and impacts to neighborhood

## WHAT ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED?

Four (4) roadway alternatives and four (4) bridge alternatives were considered during the initial phase of the project. The selected alternative for each will be summarized during the hearing.

## HOW WILL MY PROPERTY BE IMPACTED?

Right-of-Way easements to reconstruct the bridge are required and properties adjacent to the site may be impacted by structural installation or utility relocation. Preliminary ROW drawings are available at North Attleborough Department of Public Works for public review and comment.

## HOW WILL BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS BE IMPACTED?

During construction, pedestrian and bicyclist access through the site will be maintained. Accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists in the permanent condition will be improved with wider sidewalks and roadway shoulders.

## WHAT ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL, OR COMMUNITY IMPACTS?

Environmental permits from MassDEP and USACE will be required to reconstruct the bridge and perform work in the river it spans. There may be impacts to wetland resource areas. Community impacts will be temporary during construction and then permanently improved. Cultural resources are not anticipated as part of the project.

## WHAT IS THE CONSTRUCTION APPROACH?

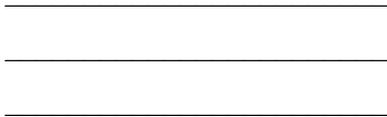
Five (5) stages of construction will be summarized during the hearing. Single lane alternative traffic is anticipated to reconstruct the bridge in halves. A temporary traffic detour will be required to shift stages of construction.

## HOW WILL I BE KEPT INFORMED?

You may submit comments or questions to MassDOT and coordinate with the North Attleborough Department of Public Works. As the project nears start of construction abutters to the project may also be contacted to notify them of any upcoming work.



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