



**VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023  
AT 6:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED  
Intersection Improvements at Willard Street and Ricciuti Drive  
MassDOT Project No. 610823  
Highway Design**

**IN THE CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
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CHIEF ENGINEER**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Project File No. 610823

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Intersection Improvements at Willard Street & Ricciuti Drive project in Quincy, MA.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection Improvements at Willard Street & Ricciuti Drive 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 Willard Street, Ricciuti Drive, and the I-93 Southbound Exit 8 Off-Ramp in Quincy, MA. The improvements proposed as part of this project will address the existing safety concerns and improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The project begins on the I-93 off-ramp and extends approximately 910 feet to the existing rotary, just east of Douglas Street. Project limits also includes approximately 100 feet west on Ricciuti Drive and 800 feet north on Willard Street. Project includes signalization of the intersection of I-93 Southbound off-ramp/Willard Street and Ricciuti Drive and improvement to the lane geometry on the Willard Street approach. This project includes pavement milling and overlay, upgraded signing and striping, five-foot-wide on-street bike lanes, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and sidewalk/driveway reconstructions as needed. A Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is also included at the northern limit of Willard Street to increase pedestrian safety.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The city of Quincy 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. 610823. 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.

## **RIGHT OF WAY CONCERNS**

The State is responsible for securing the Right of Way for this project. If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the State 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. WHO CONTACTS ME?**

Representatives of the Right of Way Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Highway Division. They will explain the impacts and your rights as protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79.

### **2. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR MY PROPERTY?**

Every offer is made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded to you for the property, or to appraise the "damage" to the property as a result of the acquisition. MassDOT appraisers, independent appraisers, MassDOT "Review Appraisers" and a Real Estate Appraisal Review Board may all contribute in arriving at an award of damages. The State also pays a proportionate part of the real estate tax for the current year for fee takings, and interest from the date the property is acquired to the payment date, on all impacts.

### **3. MUST I ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER?**

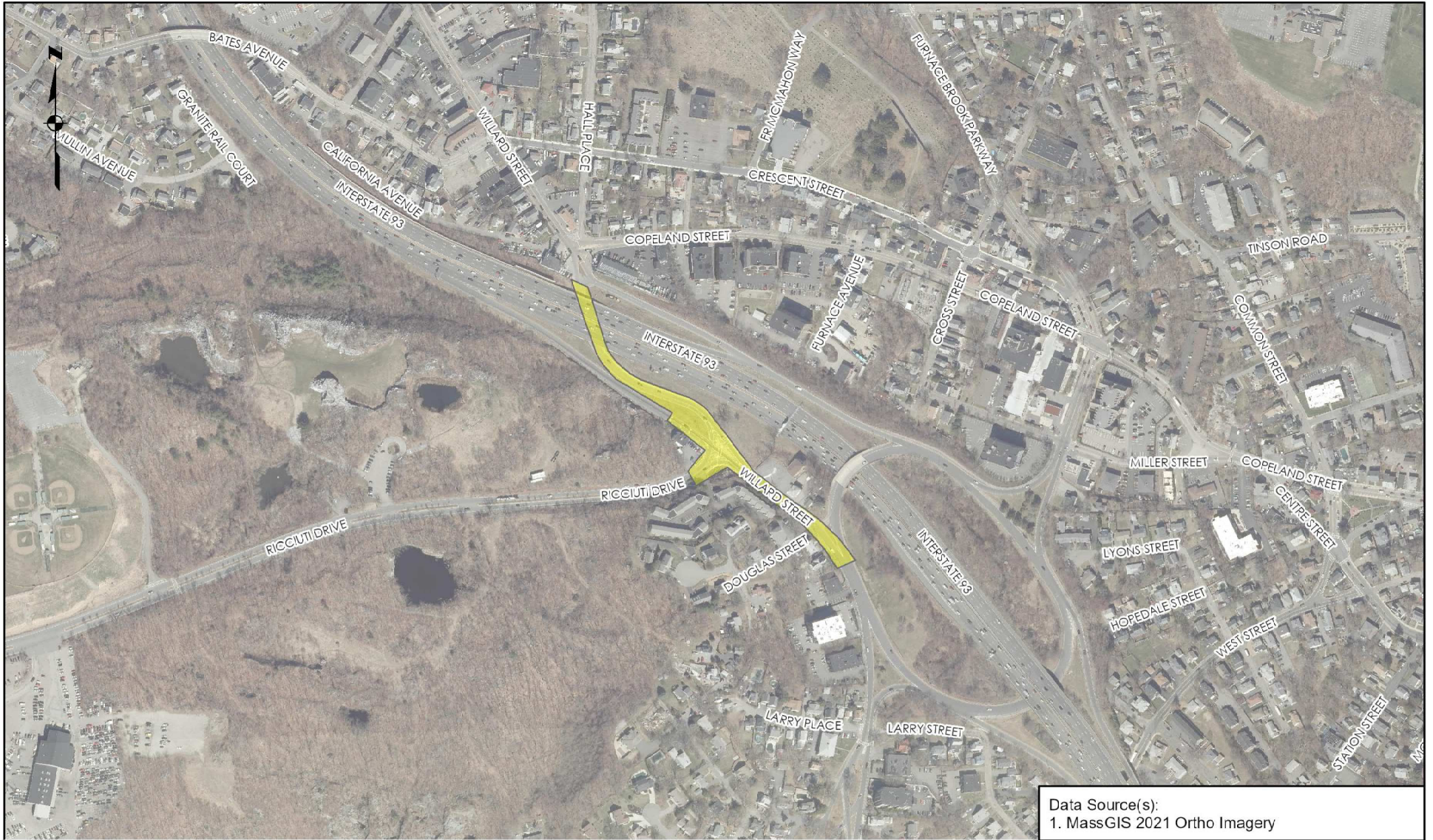
No. If, after the figure established as market value has been offered to the owner, the owner feels he or she is not being offered a fair price, he or she has the right, within three years, to appeal to the courts. Pending a court decision, he or she can be paid on a "pro-tanto" basis (or "for the time being") that in no way prejudices the court appeal.

### **4. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY HOUSE?**

The owner will have the opportunity to buy back his or her house, provided he or she has a location to which it can be moved, and the proper permits for its removal. If the owner does not wish to repurchase, the house will be advertised for bids. The highest bidder, who must also have a location and permits for removal, will be awarded the house. Otherwise, the structure will be slated for demolition.

### **5. WHAT HAPPENS IF I MUST RELOCATE?**

In addition to the market value of the property, the Department pays certain relocation benefits for both owners and tenants of acquired residences and businesses who meet eligibility requirements. Assistance in relocation is also provided. Department brochures are available for details on these benefits.



Data Source(s):  
1. MassGIS 2021 Ortho Imagery



 Project Area

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### Project Area Map

Ricciuti Drive / Willard Street Improvements  
Project #20190211.T20

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# **Intersection Improvements at Willard Street and Ricciuti Drive in Quincy, MA**

## **PROJECT LOCATION**

The project is located east of Quincy Center near Quincy Quarries Reservation. The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of the intersection of Willard Street, Ricciuti Drive, and the I-93 Southbound Exit 8 Off-Ramp in Quincy, MA. The project begins on the I-93 off-ramp and goes approximately 910 feet to the existing rotary, just east of Douglas Street. Work is also included approximately 100 feet west on Ricciuti Drive and 800 feet north on Willard Street. The attached Locus Map shows the project limits.

## **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 main focus of this project is the signalization of the intersection and improvement to the lane geometry on the Willard Street approach.

This proposed project is primarily intended to improve the safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists from the surrounding neighborhoods, and to improve safety and efficiency of operations related to vehicles traveling through the intersection.

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

The project includes safety and operational improvements to the intersection of Willard Street, Ricciuti Drive, and the I-93 Off-Ramp. The proposed improvements include:

- Signalization of all approaches at the intersection of Willard Street, Ricciuti Drive, and the I-93 off-ramp
- Improvement to the lane geometry on the Willard Street approach
- Pavement milling & overlay
- Advanced warning signs
- Upgraded signing and striping
- Construction of a lane drop on Willard Street west of the rotary
- Construction of 5' bicycle lanes
- Reconstruction of all sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps in the study area
- Installation of Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at northern Willard Street

## **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.

## **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. Acquisition in fee of private property for the alteration of the roadway layout at intersections associated with the project construction will also be required. 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 \$1.5 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 2025, however, this is subject to change.



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Quincy, MA  
Intersection Improvements at Willard Street & Ricciuti Drive  
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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](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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Attn: Project Management

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