VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

July 29, 2025

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

Bridge Street (Route 107) Roadway Reconstruction
from Flint Street to 150 feet west of Washington Street

Project No. 612990

IN THE CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
Project Description: Reconstruction of Bridge Street (Route 107), from Flint Street to 150 Feet West of Washington Street
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A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Street (Route 107) Reconstruction project in **Salem**, MA.

WHEN: **6:30 PM, Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Street Reconstruction project that extends from its intersection with Flint Street to approximately 150 feet west of the Washington Street intersection. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of a Complete Street design that is context-sensitive and compatible with local planning initiatives. A separated shared-use-path is proposed on both the northerly and southerly sides of Bridge Street, providing a valuable multimodal connection within the community, including to the MBTA garage.

The project will improve the Bridge Street resiliency to flooding by slight increase in the grade and profile in the area that is currently most susceptible to flooding to the degree practical (given the site and the adjacent areas constraints) and by providing a new roadway drainage system. A mini-roundabout is proposed at the intersection with the North Street ramp, enhancing traffic safety and operations while implementing traffic calming along the corridor. Other work such as street lighting, landscaping, and streetscape elements that complement the area's historic character will be added.

This meeting 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 meeting, 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 meeting.

This meeting 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?

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

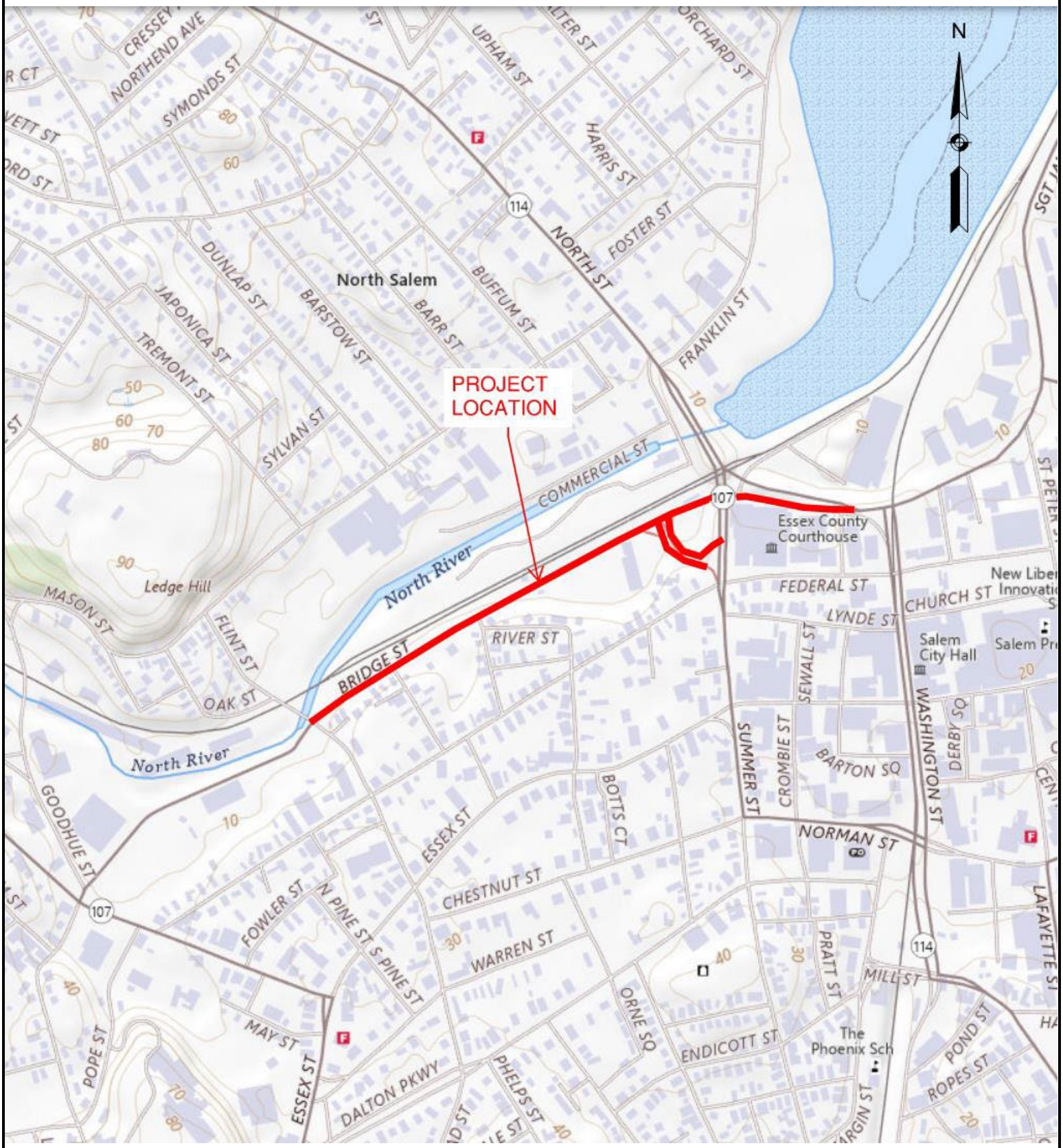
   A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection,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



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612990 SALEM – BRIDGE STREET (ROUTE 107)
ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION
LOCUS MAP

Project Description

The City of Salem and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division (MassDOT) are proposing the reconstruction of Bridge Street (Route 107) from the Flint Street intersection to approximately 150 feet west of the Washington Street intersection. The project involves a Complete Street design that proposes new multimodal infrastructure, enhancements to Bridge Street's flood resiliency, and improvements to safety and traffic operations.

Existing Conditions

- Bridge Street (Route 107) is functionally classified as an urban principal arterial. The existing right-of-way width varies, with a minimum width of 40 feet.
- Existing lane widths are approximately 11 to 13 feet wide with no striped shoulder.
- Three signalized intersections are present within the project limits: Bridge Street at Flint Street, Bridge Street at the North Street Ramp, and Bridge Street at Salem Intermodal Station.
- Sidewalks are intermittently present on both sides of Bridge Street (Route 107), with multiple locations not being ADA-compliant.
- There are no existing bicycle facilities present within the project limits; however, new multimodal facilities were constructed on Bridge Street west of the Flint Street intersection.

Proposed Improvements

The proposed improvements will include slight vertical and horizontal realignment of Bridge Street, full-depth pavement reconstruction, installation of new curbing, construction of sidewalk, sidepath, and shared-use path facilities, and drainage improvements. Additional improvements include ADA-compliant ramps, crosswalks, green spaces, safety and operation improvements at intersections, and a new compact roundabout at the intersection of Bridge Street and the North Street Ramp.

Right of Way Impacts

The City of Salem will be responsible for procurements of all right-of-ways needed for the project. At this time and based on the current proposed design, it is anticipated that:

- permanent acquisitions and easements for sidewalks, utility poles, and the relocation of overhead wires,
- temporary construction easements for incidental work to construct the infrastructure and to transition driveways and roadsides into the existing conditions, and

MassDOT's policy regarding land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing. A long-term lease, granted by the MBTA to the City of Salem, will be required for multimodal infrastructure located within the MBTA right-of-way, in conjunction with leasing agreements between the MBTA and utility entities for installation and long-term maintenance of utility infrastructure within the MBTA Right-of-way.

Furthermore, an agreement between the MBTA and the City for relocation of the existing MBTA's Billboard (located within the proposed northern multi-use-path) is needed

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

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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:

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

Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing.

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