



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

January,21, 2021

FOR THE PROPOSED

**Sandwich construction of shared use path along service road
from Route 130 to Chase Road**

Project No. 608422

Project Management

IN THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS

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

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 608422

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed construction of a shared use path along the service road from Route 130 to Chase Road in Sandwich, MA.

WHEN: Thursday, January 21, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Sandwich shared use path 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 construction of a shared use path along the service road from Route 130 to Chase Road. A 12-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian shared use path with a 3-foot shoulder on either side of the road have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

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

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted via e-mail to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT – Highway Division at massdotprojectmanagement@dot.state.ma.us, or by US Mail to Room 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Project File No. **608422**. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

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This Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

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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,

Patricia A Leavenworth, 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.

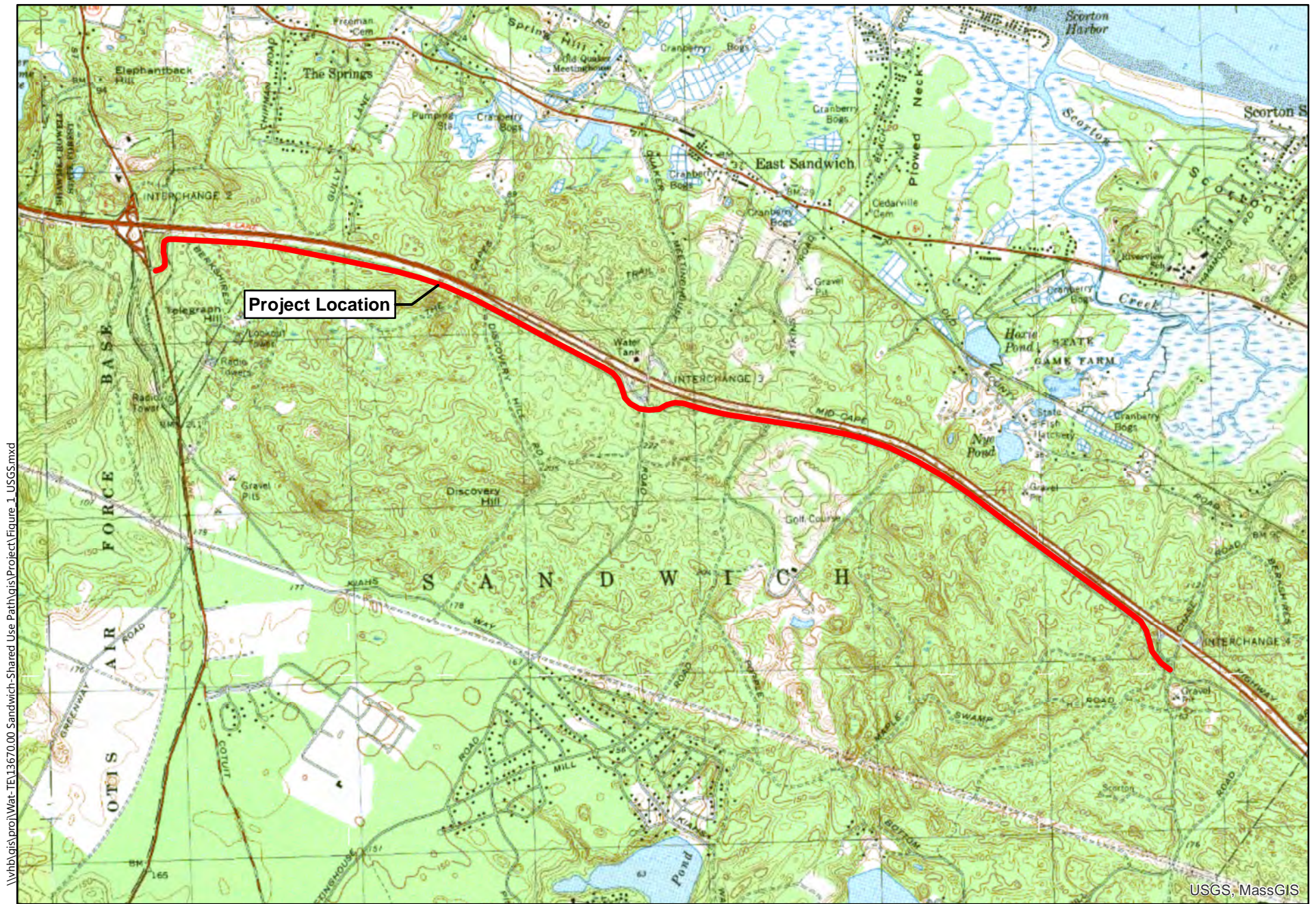
A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection,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

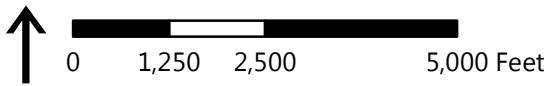
5. MUST I ACCEPT THE MUNICIPALITY OFFER?

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.



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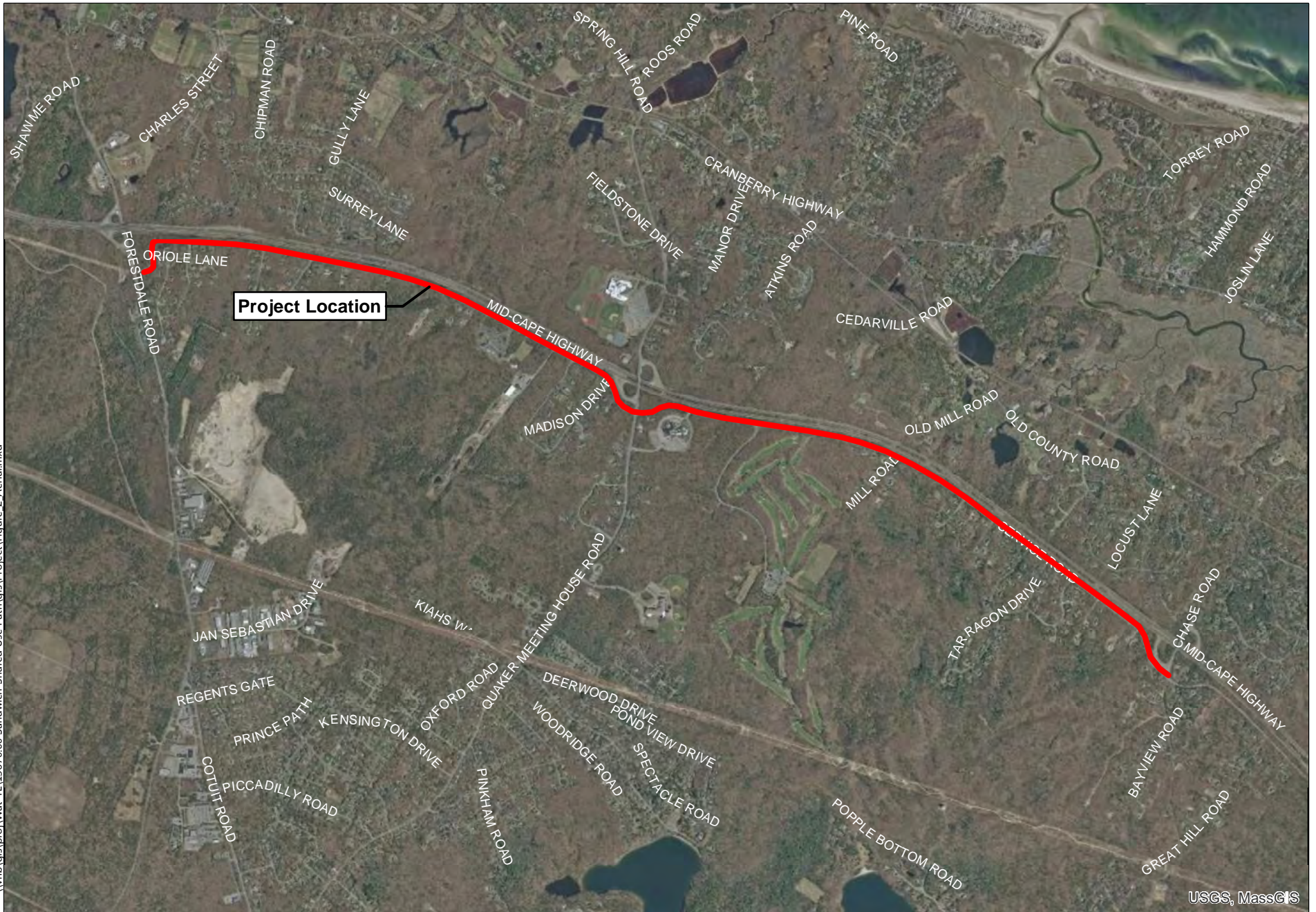
Project Location

Service Road Shared Use Path

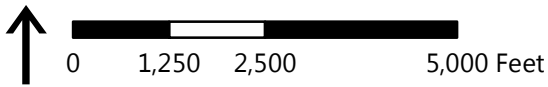
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Figure 1 - Project Locus Map

Source Info: USGS, MassGIS



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— Project Location

Service Road Shared Use Path

Sandwich, MA

Figure 2 - Aerial Map

Source Info: USGS, MassGIS

PROJECT LOCATION

The project includes the construction of a shared use path from Route 130 in the west to Chase Road in the east in the Town of Sandwich for 4.26 miles, and as shown on the above locus map.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to provide complete streets elements on Service Road, which are in line with the state-wide goal of promoting healthy transportation. This path will be an important link in the Cape Cod Rail Trail extension. Future phases of the Shared Use Path are expected to extend the path east to the Barnstable Town Line and west to Bourne and the Cape Cod Canal Bikeway. To the east, the project will ultimately connect with the extension of the Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT). The Town of Barnstable is in the alternative analysis stage of CCRT Phase 4. This phase will determine the route the extension will follow from the end of Phase 3 - Mary Dunn Road near Independence Drive in Barnstable - to the Barnstable/Sandwich Town Line.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The work under this Contract consists of the construction of a 12 foot wide typical paved travel surface with 3 foot shoulders. The path is proposed to widen to a 16 foot wide paved travel surface for approximately 550 feet west of Mill Road and 525 feet east of Mill Road. Linear stormwater best management practices (BMPs) are proposed along the path alignment. The project proposes three locations with rectangular rapid flashing beacons – two at mid-block crossings & one at the crossing of Chase Road. The project also proposes to construct a pedestrian hybrid beacon at the crossing of Quaker Meeting House Road.

Additional work includes unclassified excavation, pavement mill and overlay, full depth hot mix asphalt pavement, hot mix asphalt walks and driveways, cement concrete wheelchair ramps, granite curb, wood railing, chain link fencing, pavement markings, signs, drainage, water system improvements, stone revetment, landscaping, and other incidental work.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

A majority of the work will occur beyond the paved width of Service Road and will not impact any existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities. A minimum one lane of travel will be maintained throughout the project. Maintaining traffic flow shall also be closely coordinated with maintaining access to abutting residents. Along Service Road and the Route 6 off-ramps at Exit 3 and Exit 4, lane shifts are expected to occur periodically during construction of the project. Lane closures (with alternating traffic) along Service Road are expected to occur with minimal frequency. Route 6 off-ramps may require partial ramp closures for work within the intersection. In some cases, two-way traffic will be maintained by alternating traffic under police control.

RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS

Temporary and permanent easements will be required along the length of the project to accommodate the proposed work. Easements that are needed will be on a combination of public and private land. This includes seven temporary construction easement and thirty-nine permanent easements for utilities and parking. No takings will be required. The proposed improvements will require temporary easements for minor grading impacts and sidewalk construction. The Town of Sandwich is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in public and private lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisition will be discussed at this hearing.

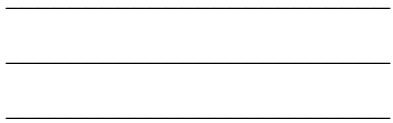
PROJECT COST

The preliminary construction cost of this project at this design stage is approximately \$8,658,253.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The design plans presented are at the 25% design stage. Design, permitting, and right of way acquisition must be completed by May 2022. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2022.

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