



**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**JUNE 19, 2019**

**AT**

**SOUTH HADLEY TOWN HALL  
MEETING ROOM  
116 MAIN STREET  
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS**

**6:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 116 (Newton Street)  
MassDOT Project No. 608473  
Roadway project Management Section**

**IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**JONATHAN L. GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

**PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Project File No. 608473**

A Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 116 (Newton Street) project in South Hadley, MA.

WHERE: Meeting Room - South Hadley Town Hall  
116 Main Street  
South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075

WHEN: Wednesday, June 19 @ 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed South Hadley–Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 116 (Newton Street) project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction, largely in place, of Newton Street from Route 202 to just beyond the Kendrick Street intersection. The proposed reconstruction will include the milling and overlay of the existing roadway and reconstruction of the sidewalks along Newton Street, ADA compliant ramps, new crosswalks, and bicycle accommodations consisting of an on-road buffered bicycle lane along the majority of corridor. At the intersection of Lyman Street as well as at the entrance to the South Hadley High School, the bike lane will be constructed without the buffer to allow for construction of left turn lanes

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

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Roadway Project Management, Project File No. 608473. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

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In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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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.

## TO SAFEGUARD THE PROPERTY OWNER

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.

**South Hadley, Massachusetts**  
**Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 116 (Newton Street)**  
**Project Description**

**Purpose and Need:** The purpose of this project is to improve the roadway condition by milling and overlay the existing deteriorated roadway and reconstruction of the sidewalks along Newton Street, ADA compliant wheel chair ramps, new crosswalks and bicycle accommodations consisting of an on-road buffered bicycle lane along the majority of the roadway corridor. The existing horizontal and vertical roadway geometry will be retained. The project proposes to rehabilitate the deteriorated roadway from the intersection of Route 202, South Hadley to just beyond the Kendrick Street intersection, South Hadley. The existing two lane vehicular traffic roadway has deteriorated with a great deal of alligator, longitudinal cracking, raveling and rutting.

This project would be served well by shared transportation improvements for the local residential, commercial and the industrial base of South Hadley from an improved transportation corridor between the two towns, Interstate Route 91, Interstate Route 90 and the local communities. The primary asset along this stretch of road way is residential property, local commercial, light industrial properties and South Hadley High School. These roads are more of a major street connecting residential areas to a town center or major connector for Massachusetts residents heading north and south on Interstate Route 91, and east and west on Interstate Route 90, and for residents from the town of South Hadley heading west to the town of Holyoke and Interstate Route 91 which heads southerly to the city of Springfield, southerly to the State of Connecticut and Interstate 90 which heads west towards the state of New York or east towards the city of Worcester and Boston, Massachusetts.

**Location and Limits:** The project length is approximately 6,100' and runs from the Route 202 interchange, intersection of Newton Street at Ranger Street, South Hadley to just past the intersection of Newton Street at Kendrick Street, South Hadley.

**Existing Conditions:** The existing roadway is a two lane, two way vehicular traffic roadway consisting of bituminous concrete (hot mix asphalt). The existing layout of Newton Street is 54.5' wide. Two-way traffic is carried by two, 12' wide, travel lanes, two 3' wide striped buffer lanes and two 5' wide bike lanes for a portion of the project limits until Camden Street, then tapers to a 10' left turn lane, a 10' right turn/thru lane and a 2' shoulder at the intersection of Lyman Street on the north bound side and a 11' left turn lane and a 11' right turn/thru lane with a 2' shoulder on the south bound side at Lyman Street. After Lyman Street, Newton Street widens to 42', providing multiple left turn and thru lanes where needed. After Stoney Brook Village, Newton Street tapers back to a 40' roadway width, containing two 12' wide travel lanes, two 2' striped buffer lanes and two 6' bike lanes. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the roadway for the entire length of the project. The north and south bound sidewalks begin at the intersection of Route 202 at Newton Street and continue on past Newton Street at Kendrick Street. Existing overhead electrical and communication lines are located approximately 3'-6" east of the existing curb line on the north bound side of the roadway the entire length of the project. There are several locations of Bordering Vegetated Wetland located randomly along the project. Underground water is located in both northbound and southbound travel lanes. Gas is located

under the sidewalk along the northbound side of the road for the entire length of the project. There are telecommunications lines under the sidewalk on the southbound side of the road for the entire length of the project. Underground sewer lines are located in the southbound travel lane next to the curb line for the entire length of the project. There is also another sewer trunk line located in the northbound travel lane next to the curb from Lyman Street north that crosses over to the southbound side of the road and connect to the first mentioned sewer system. Underground storm-water utilities are located throughout the project with the main trunk line underneath the northbound travel lane for the entire length of the project. Roadway storm water drainage is captured by catch basins that are located within the project limits. The water is directed to several outfall locations located along the existing roadway.

**Proposed Improvements:** The reconstruction of the existing roadway will occupy a similar footprint to the existing infrastructure, located within the existing roadway footprint with minor widening and will accommodate two 11 ft. wide vehicular travel lanes, two 3 ft. wide buffer lanes, two 6 ft. wide bike lanes, granite curb and two 5.5 ft. wide asphalt sidewalks for pedestrian traffic, one on each side of the roadway. A 10 ft. wide, left turn lane will be provided at the entrance to South Hadley High School and at the intersection of Route 116 (Newton Street) and Lyman Street. Sidewalks and wheelchair ramps will be reconstructed to meet the latest design standards. The total proposed roadway width from back of sidewalk to back of sidewalk is 54.5 ft. Storm water runoff will be diverted to the existing drainage systems along the project corridor. Modifications to the existing drainage system are proposed, appropriate alterations and upgrades including new structures, pipes, pipe extensions, or trunklines will be provided as required for treatment of storm water runoff to the maximum extent practicable. The existing outfall culvert at Black Stevens Pond will be replaced.

**Right of Way:** The proposed roadway improvements will require Right of Way (ROW) acquisitions in the form of temporary easements and permanent construction easements. MassDOT will be responsible for acquiring all necessary rights on affected property.

**Traffic Management:** Construction techniques will be accelerated to the maximum extent possible in order to minimize construction time and impacts to traffic. Route 116 (Newton Street) will be open to traffic during construction with two lanes open during peak hours. During roadway construction, traffic will utilize one lane of alternating traffic with police and/or flagger control.

**Project Schedule:** The design plans displayed at this meeting are at the 25% stage completion. Comments made at this design hearing will be incorporated to the maximum extent feasible in the final design. The project is scheduled to be advertised in FFY 2020.

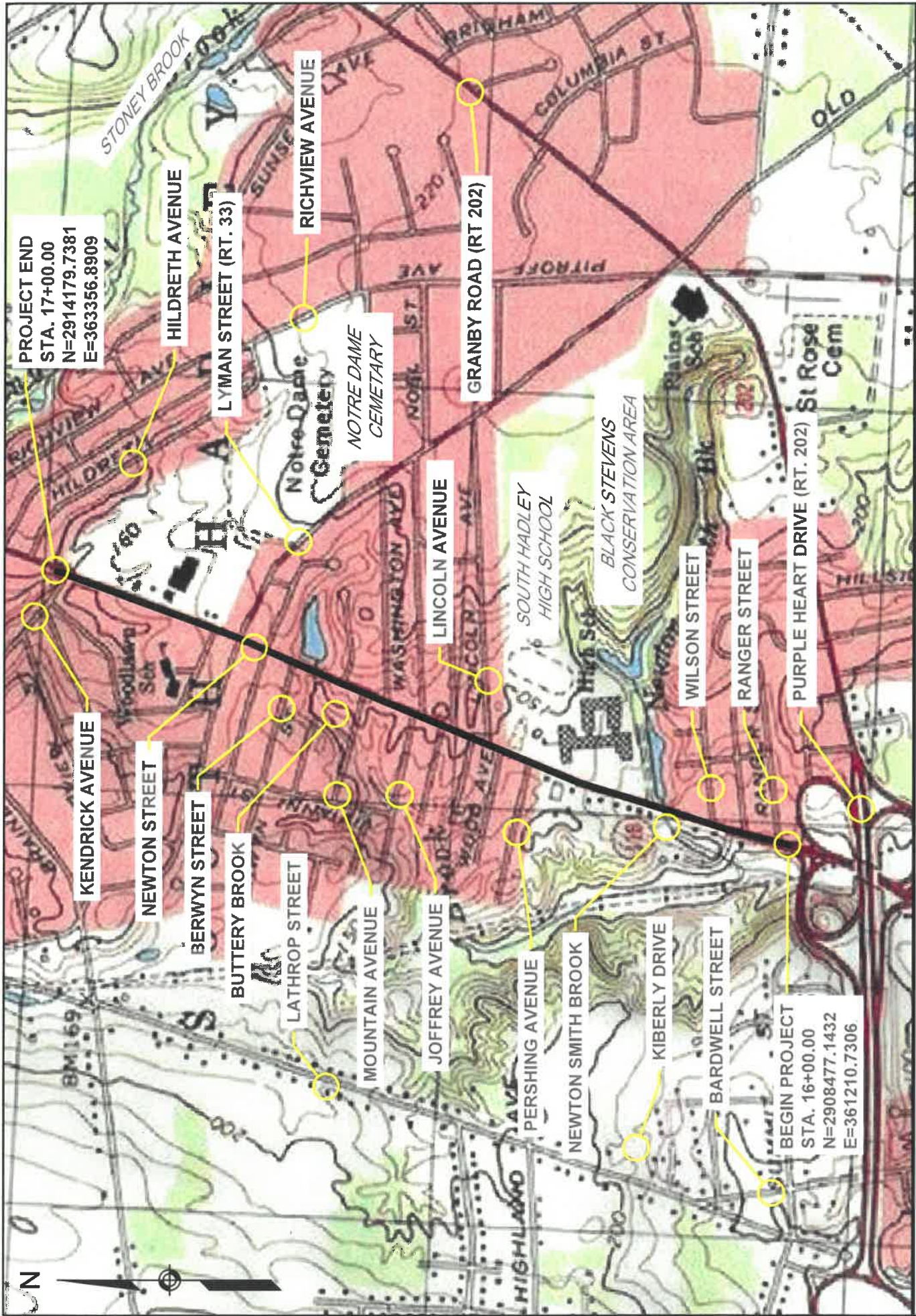
**Project Cost:** The construction cost is estimated to be approximately \$4.7 million and will be funded by Federal and State funds.

**Environmental Permitting Status:** Although this project qualifies as a functional equivalent of existing infrastructure, filing with the local Conservation Commissions will be required because of the number of proposed drainage systems. Although some work will be adjacent to existing

wetlands to replace the existing cross culverts and installation of headwalls, it is anticipated that no wetlands will be permanently filled.

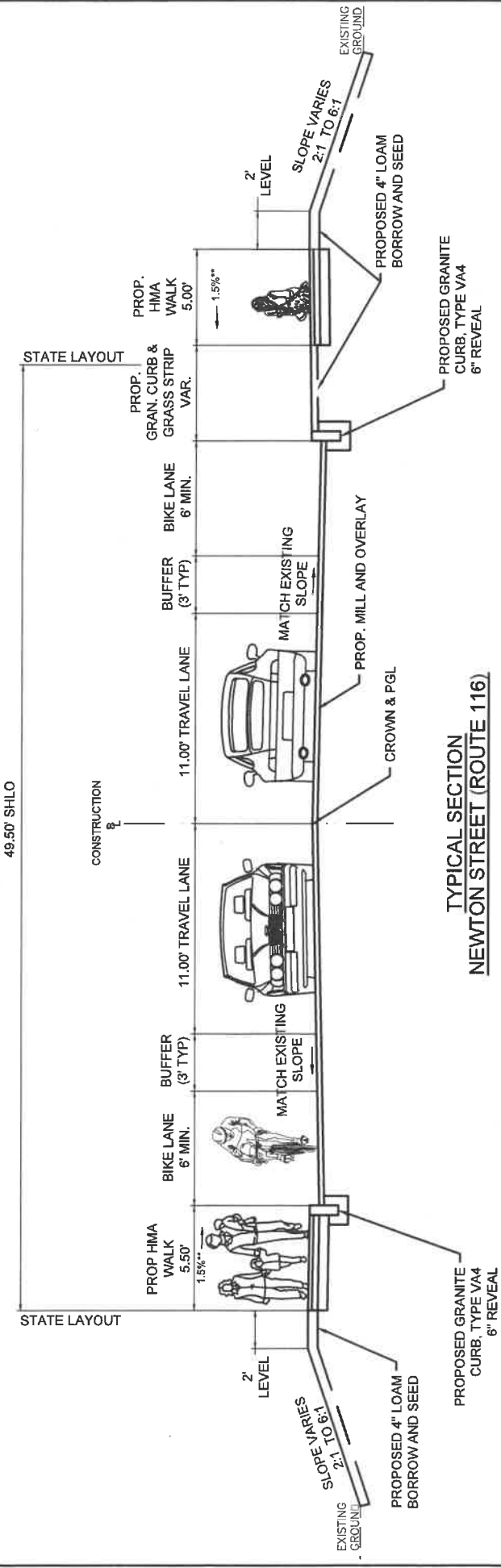
The Contractor will be required to prepare a Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan and adhere to the plan to control storm water and prevent the movement of sediment from the construction site. The Contractor will file a Notice of Intent including this plan with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for a National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) Construction Management General Permit 72 hours prior to the start of construction.





**TOPO VIEW**  
**NEWTON STREET-ROUTE 116**  
**SOUTH HADLEY**





**TYPICAL SECTION  
NEWTON STREET (ROUTE 116)**

49.50' SHILO

STATE LAYOUT

STATE LAYOUT

CONSTRUCTION

PROP. HMA WALK 5.50'

BIKE LANE 6' MIN.

BUFFER (3' TYP)

11.00' TRAVEL LANE

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BUFFER (3' TYP)

BIKE LANE 6' MIN.

PROP. GRAN. CURB & GRASS STRIP VAR.

PROP. HMA WALK 5.00'

2' LEVEL

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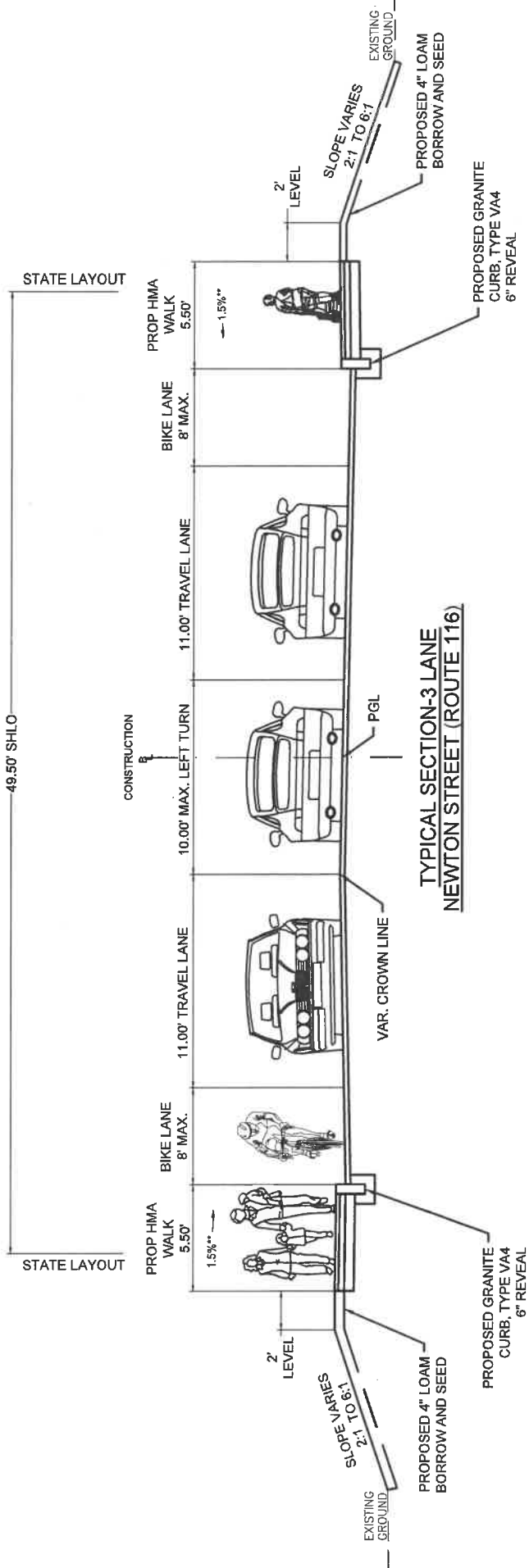
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PROPOSED GRANITE CURB, TYPE VA4 6" REVEAL

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This sheet is provided for your comments. Your input is solicited and appreciated. Please return your sheet, with comments, to a staff member at the meeting, or mail to:

Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer  
MassDOT – Highway Division  
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973  
Attn: Roadway Project Management Section

The final date for receipt of written statements and exhibits for inclusion into the official hearing transcript will be ten (10) days after the Public Hearing.

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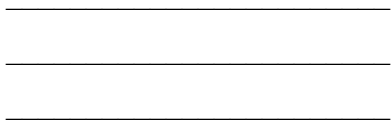
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