



**VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**June 3, 2025**

**6:30PM to 7:30PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Intersection Improvements at Canton Street (Route 27), School Street,  
Summer Street and Cushing Street**

**Project No. 611981**

**IN THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
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**CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

**Stoughton – Intersection Improvements at Canton St. (Route 27), School St., Summer St. and Cushing St.  
Project File No. 611981**

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

WHEN: Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:30PM

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 the reconstruction of the intersection of Canton Street (Route 27) at School Street and Summer Street and the intersection of School Street and Cushing Street, and the roadway segment of School Street between Canton Street (Route 27) and Cushing Street. The proposed work will include pedestrian improvements consisting of the installation of new curbing and sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, crosswalks, replacement of existing sidewalks and cyclist improvements consisting of shared use accommodations with shared lane markings. Traffic improvements will consist of new traffic signal installations at the intersection of Canton Street (Route 27) at School Street and Summer Street and the intersection of School Street and Cushing Street.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town 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. **611981**. 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. 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?**

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.

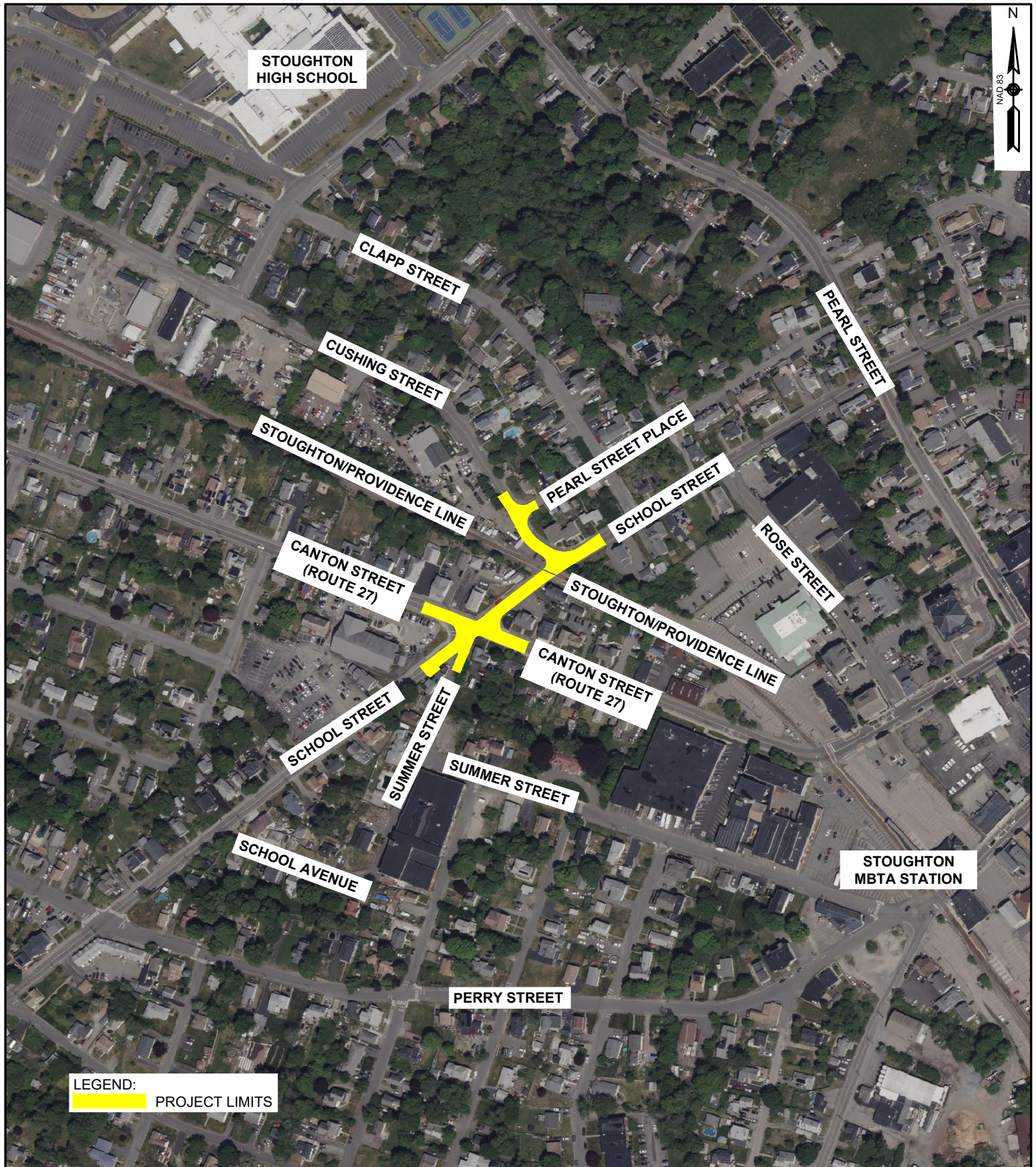
### **4. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR THE ACQUIRED PARCELS?**

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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AT CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27), SCHOOL STREET,  
SUMMER STREET AND CUSHING STREET  
LOCUS MAP



### **Project Description**

The Town of Stoughton and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division (MassDOT) are proposing the reconstruction of the intersections of Canton Street (Route 27) at School Street and Summer Street and the intersection of School Street and Cushing Street, as well as the reconstruction of School Street between Cushing Street and Canton Street (Route 27) and Cushing Street between School Street and Pearl Street Place. The project includes roadway resurfacing, sidewalk construction, and the installation of two new traffic signals.

### **Proposed Improvements**

The proposed improvements will include roadway paving, installation of new curbing, concrete and asphalt sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, crosswalks, and new traffic signals at the intersection of Canton Street (Route 27) at Summer Street and School Street and the intersection of School Street and Cushing Street. This project will be done in coordination with improvements to the railroad crossing on School Street.

### **Existing Conditions**

- Canton Street (Route 27) is functionally classified as Urban Principal Arterial. The existing right of way is variable with a minimum width of 40 feet.
- School Street is functionally classified as an Urban Collector. The existing right of way is variable with a minimum width of 40 feet.
- Summer Street and Cushing Street are classified as Local Roads. Both have a variable width. Summer Street has a minimum width of 33 feet while Cushing Street has a minimum width of 40 feet.
- The intersection of Canton Street (Route 27) at School Street and Summer Street currently has a poor level of service for traffic operation, inadequate sight distances, and unclear intersection control.
- Pedestrian facilities are not fully ADA compliant. Sidewalks are present on both sides of Canton Street (Route 27) but only on one side of School Street and Summer Street and not present on Cushing Street within the project limits.
- Bicycle facilities are limited to shared lane markings on School Street.

### **Right of Way Impacts**

There are a few properties that require permanent acquisitions or easements by the Town of Stoughton for sidewalks, utility pole and overhead wire relocations. Temporary construction easements will be required to complete the roadway and sidewalk grading, driveway reconstruction, and loam and seeding. MassDOT's policy regarding land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

### **Project Status – Project Schedule**

The project has been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2028. The Plans included in tonight's presentation are at the 25% Design Stage (Preliminary Design Stage). Comments from this evening will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

### **Project Construction Cost**

The project construction costs will be funded with a combination of monies from the Federal Highway Administration and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is currently estimated at approximately \$5 million.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Stoughton, MA  
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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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