



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

January 30, 2023

FOR THE PROPOSED

**Drainage Improvements on State Highway (Beach Street)
Project No. 609459**

Project Management

IN THE TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

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



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 Lavalee, P. E.
Chief Engineer

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 609459

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Drainage Improvements on State Highway project in **Tisbury, MA**.

WHEN: 6:30 PM, January 30, 2023

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Drainage Improvements on State Highway 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 drainage and stormwater improvements along State Road, Beach Street, and a portion of Beach Street Extension in Tisbury. The project limits extend approximately 1,200 feet (0.23 miles), beginning at the intersection of State Road and Causeway Road and terminating within Beach Street Extension, just east of the “Five Corners” intersection. The work includes improvements to existing drainage infrastructure, installation of new catch basins and drain manholes, replacement of existing drainage pipes, relocations of existing utilities, and construction of a subsurface infiltration system beneath the municipal parking lot at 21 Beach Street. Roadways within the project limits will require pavement milling and overlay and the municipal parking lot at 21 Beach Street will require full-depth pavement construction and replacement of an existing retaining wall.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. **The Town and MassDOT is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands.** MassDOT’s and the Town’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 or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management, Project File No. 609459**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

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

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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?

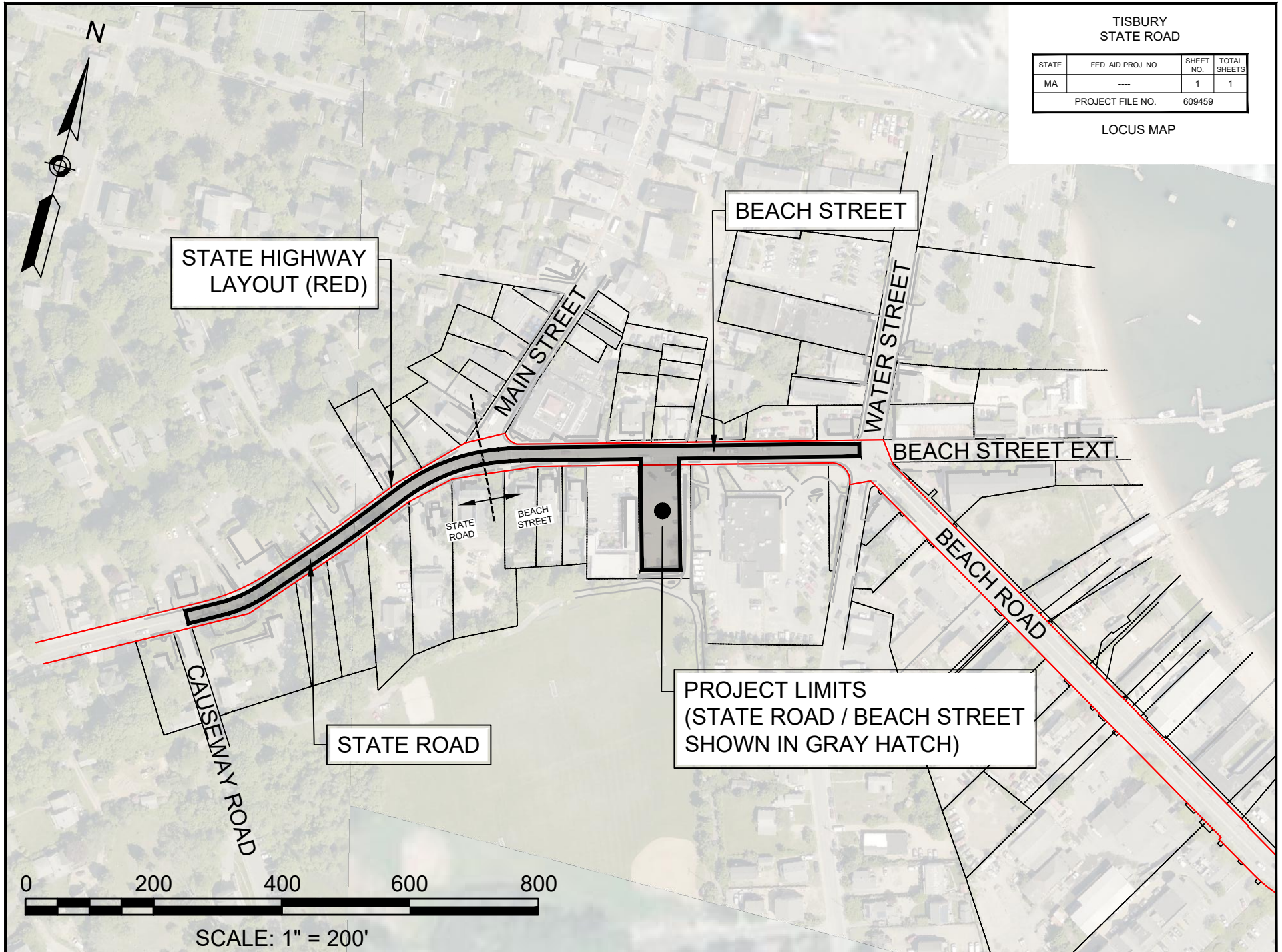
In addition to the market value of the property, the Department pays certain relocation benefits for both owners and tenants of acquired residences and businesses who meet eligibility requirements. Assistance in relocation is also provided. Department brochures are available for details on these benefits.

TISBURY
STATE ROAD

STATE	FED. AID PROJ. NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
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LOCUS MAP



STATE HIGHWAY
LAYOUT (RED)

BEACH STREET

MAIN STREET

WATER STREET

BEACH STREET EXT.

STATE ROAD

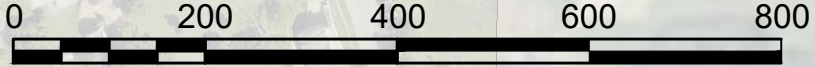
BEACH STREET

BEACH ROAD

CAUSEWAY ROAD

STATE ROAD

PROJECT LIMITS
(STATE ROAD / BEACH STREET
SHOWN IN GRAY HATCH)



SCALE: 1" = 200'

Project Location:

Beach Street – Tisbury, Massachusetts

Project Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to upgrade and enhance the drainage system on Beach Street from Causeway Road to the Five Corner Intersection.

Existing Conditions

The project area includes State Road, Beach Street, the municipal property at 21 Beach Street, and a portion of Beach Street Extension in Tisbury. The project limits extend approximately 1,200 feet (0.23 miles), beginning at the intersection of State Road and Causeway Road and terminating within Beach Street Extension, just east of the “Five Corners” intersection. The project area can be classified as State-owned roadway surrounded by dense commercial development, extensive impervious cover, and the Vineyard Haven harbor directly to the east. In the existing condition, stormwater runoff from surrounding areas and roadways is conveyed via a closed drainage system of catch basins, drainage pipes, and manholes, to drainage outfalls in the harbor to the east of Beach Street Extension. In the existing condition, stormwater runoff discharges directly to Vineyard Haven harbor without any controls to retain, treat, or infiltrate the stormwater. Frequent flooding of the project area is the result of extensive impervious coverage, watershed characteristics, and condition of the outfalls in Vineyard Haven harbor.

Proposed Conditions

The project proposes to intercept stormwater runoff within the State Road closed drainage system and convey it to a subsurface infiltration system. Within the infiltration system, a volume of stormwater runoff will be stored over time and given the opportunity to infiltrate into the soil below. In addition to the stormwater retention and infiltration, closed drainage system improvements will be incorporated within State Road and Beach Street. The drainage system improvements will more effectively capture and convey the existing stormwater runoff from the roadway. The improvements consist of installation of catch basins, drainage pipe, and manholes within the roadways. The stormwater infiltration system is proposed to be a series of corrugated plastic chambers surrounded by clean, crushed stone. The system will be installed beneath the existing parking lot at 21 Beach Street. The volume of the chambers and stone will allow for storage and infiltration of stormwater. In large storm events, when the system reaches capacity, it will be bypassed and runoff will be conveyed in the closed drainage system to the outfall in the harbor as it does in the existing condition. Upon completion of the installation of the drainage system improvements and infiltration system, the roadway pavement will be overlaid and the HMA parking lot at 21 Beach Street will be reconstructed.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Tisbury, 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 DOTHighwayDesign@dot.state.ma.us or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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MassDOT – Highway Division
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Highway Design

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Organization: _____

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