



COMBINED VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

FOR THE PROPOSED

**INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 6 AND MAIN STREET
AND**

PAVEMENT PRESERVATION ON ROUTE 6

Project Nos. 607397 and 609098

Project Management

IN THE TOWN OF WELLFLEET, 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 MEETING
Project File No. 607397

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed **Intersection Improvements & Related Work at Route 6 & Main Street** project in **Wellfleet, MA**.

WHEN: 6:30PM, Wednesday, September 22, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection Improvements & Related Work at Route 6 & Main Street project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed Route 6 and Main Street Intersection Improvements project consists of traffic signal upgrades, drainage upgrades, reducing the number of through travel lanes to one lane in both directions, the addition of a Route 6 westbound left turn lane into the pharmacy property. Additionally, MassDOT is striving to meet the goals of the Healthy Transportation Policy and upgrade the pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations to the extent feasible. Sidewalks for pedestrian access, and 5-foot wide bike lanes on Route 6 and Main Street are proposed. The bike lanes on Route 6 will be separated from traffic with a 2-foot wide painted buffer.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **Town of Wellfleet and Commonwealth of Massachusetts** are 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. Lavalley, P.E., Acting Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management**, Project File No. **607397**. 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 is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

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

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Project File No. 609098

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed **Pavement Preservation and Related Work** project in **Wellfleet, MA**.

WHEN: 6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 22, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 6 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 pavement preservation along the Route 6 corridor to address deteriorating pavement conditions. The project will consist of pavement resurfacing (mill and overlay) and restriping. Guardrail and catch basins will also be upgraded to meet the latest design guidance. Additionally, MassDOT is striving to meet the goals of the Healthy Transportation Policy and upgrade the pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations to the extent feasible. The majority of the corridor is proposed to include buffered bicycle lanes, with small sections of five-foot wide painted bike lanes; installation of sidewalks at the Wellfleet Cinema, Marconi Beach Road, LeCount Hollow Road, Cove Road, Main Street, and School Street; and upgrades to bus stops.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 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. Lavalley, P.E., Acting Chief Engineer, via e-mail to DOTHighwayDesign@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Highway Design**, Project File No. **609098**. 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 is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

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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.
Acting 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 ISSUES

A secure Right of Way is required for this project. If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the State or Municipality for highway purposes in the interest of all people of the Commonwealth, your rights are fully protected under the law. Procedures are different depending on whether the State or Municipality is making the acquisitions. Briefly, here are some of the answers to questions you might ask.

State Acquisitions

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.

MassDOT also provides for dispute resolution through the administrative settlement process. You can initiate this by providing documentation and information relative to the value of your property, including but not limited to, an appraisal for our review. If resolution cannot be reached through the administrative settlement process, you can still bring a claim in court for additional monies at any time during the three-year period.

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.

Municipal Acquisitions

1. REASON FOR PROJECT?

The construction of this project will serve the needs of local users as well as those of the greater surrounding communities. The proposed enhancement has been designed to service 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 process and procedures used in acquiring any necessary rights required for the proposed project.

3. APPRAISALS, DONATIONS, RIGHTS OF ENTRY?

Impacted Property owners are entitled to an appraisal and Just Compensation, however, municipalities will often seek donations of parcels as 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 temporary 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, etc.

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

When donations or Rights of Entry 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 and review 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 (Just compensation), for the rights to be acquired.

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 from the date of the recording of the acquired parcel(s). The owner(s) may be paid pro tanto (for the time being). The pro tanto payment will not prejudice the court's final decision.



INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 6 AND MAIN STREET (607397)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Location:

The Town of Wellfleet is the proponent of this project in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation that includes improvements at the Route 6 at Main Street intersection in Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

The project begins on Route 6 near Way 68 and extends 1/3 mile north to the Route 6/Main Street intersection. The project continues through the intersection for another 0.1 miles to the northern limit of work. The project also extends west along Main Street for approximately 0.1 miles. The project area includes the Route 6 signalized intersection at Main Street and the unsignalized intersections of Cahoon Hollow Road and Pine Point Road.

Project Purpose:

The purpose of the project is to implement roadway safety improvements and provide accommodation for all modes of travel. This project aims to improve vehicular safety at the Route 6 and Main Street intersection (a high crash location for the region), provide a left turn lane at the Cahoon Hollow Road intersection, and provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the project limits to comply with MassDOT's Complete Streets Policy.

Proposed Project:

Route 6 will be reconstructed to feature one 11-foot wide travel lane with a buffered bike lane (5-foot bike lane with 2-foot buffer) in each direction. Route 6 improvements also include a westbound left-turn pocket at the Cahoon Hollow Road intersection and left-turn pockets in both directions at the Main Street intersection. Bicycle accommodation will be provided on the roadway shoulders of Route 6. Pedestrians will be accommodated on a 6.5-foot wide sidewalk on the easterly side of Route 6 and a 5.0 foot wide sidewalk on the westerly side. Proposed improvements on Main Street include 11.0-foot wide travel lanes, 5.0-foot wide shoulders, and a 5.5-foot wide sidewalk on the northerly side of the street.

Maintenance of Traffic During Construction:

Construction affecting traffic will only occur outside of summer months (Labor Day to Memorial Day). During construction, the Contractor shall maintain and protect one lane of through traffic along Route 6 in each direction and alternating one way traffic along Main Street. Access to abutting properties shall be maintained from at least one access point. If temporary short term driveway closures are needed, the Contractor will be required to give abutting property owners 48 hours' notice.

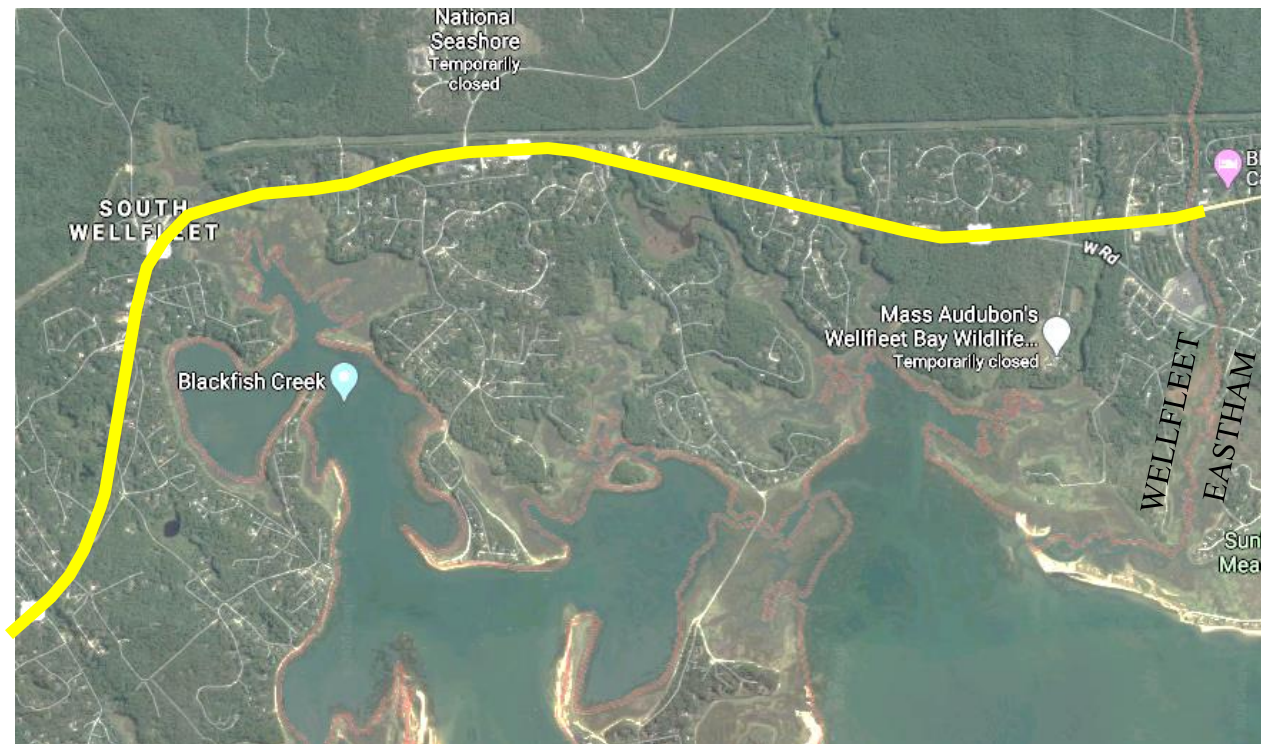
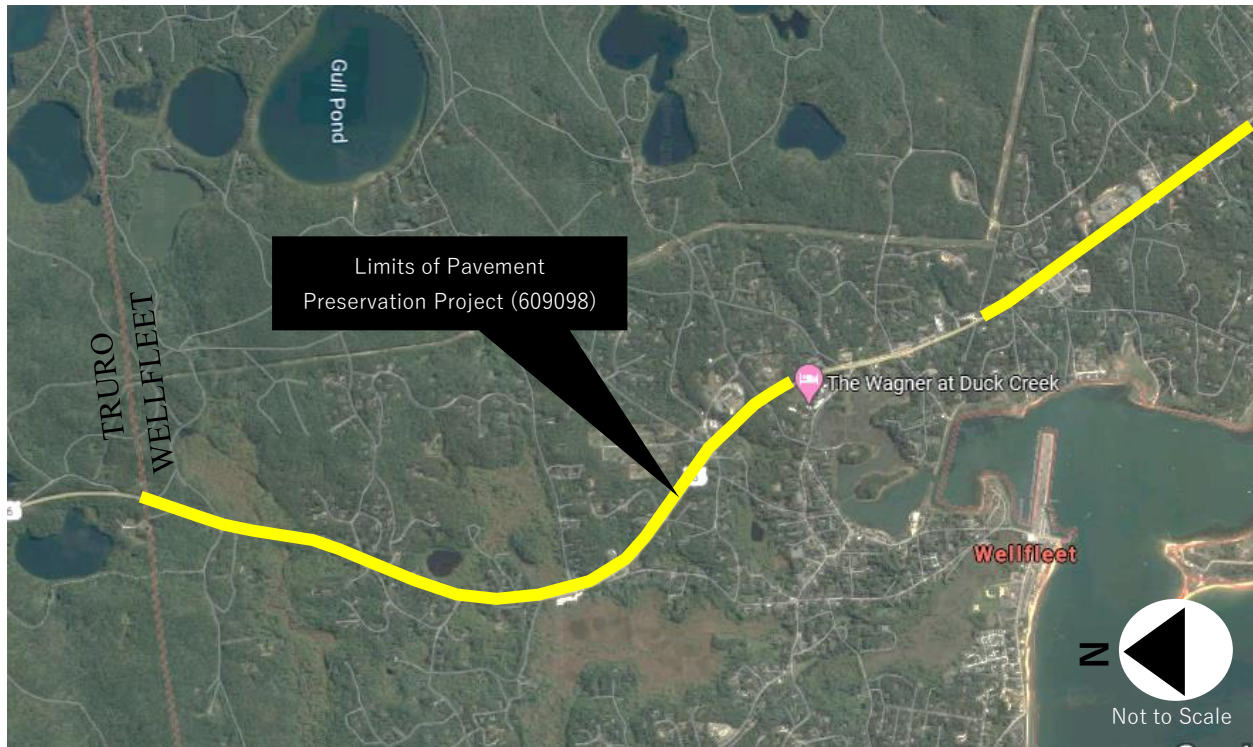
Project Schedule:

The design reviewed at this meeting is at the 25% stage of completion. Comments made at this design hearing will be incorporated to the maximum extent feasible in the 75% design currently scheduled for December 2021. The 100% and final designs are scheduled to be completed in 2022, and the date for public bidding advertisement is scheduled for 2023.

Project Cost:

The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$11 million. Funding for the construction will be Federal Highway Administration (80%) (FHWA) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (20%).

609098 LOCUS MAP



PAVEMENT PRESERVATION ON ROUTE 6 (609098)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Location:

Route 6 from the Town of Eastham/Wellfleet town line (approximate Mile Marker 97.0) to the Town of Truro/Wellfleet town line (approximate Mile Marker 104.2).

Purpose and Scope:

The purpose of this project is to repave Route 6 within the Town of Wellfleet, MA to address deteriorating pavement conditions.

The primary purpose of this project is pavement preservation to address deteriorating roadway pavement conditions and will consist of pavement resurfacing (mill & overlay) and restriping. In addition to the main purpose of pavement preservation, MassDOT is striving to meet the minimum requirements of Engineering Directive E-20-001 and upgrade the existing pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations, to the extent feasible. Additional detail is provided below.

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Additional Project Detail:

The proposed project will repave and restripe Route 6 within the town of Wellfleet. In general, the project will restripe the existing corridor from two 11-foot lanes with 8-foot shoulders to two 11-foot lanes with buffered bike lanes (5-foot bike lane with 3-foot (2-foot minimum) buffer).

The project also proposes to upgrade the existing bus stops at Wellfleet Cinema, Marconi Beach Road, Old County Road, and Cove Road. New sidewalk and ramps would be constructed as part of the upgraded bus stops.

Additional improvements include longitudinal rumble strips, upgraded signage and upgraded guard rail.

Limited permitting will be required for the construction of sidewalk within the vegetated buffer area, as well as the construction of three stormwater best management practice (BMP) areas in north Wellfleet to improve water quality of the roadway runoff.

Right of way action is not anticipated.

Maintenance of Traffic During Construction:

Construction affecting traffic will only occur outside of summer months (Labor Day to Memorial Day). The proposed scope is anticipated to span the duration of approximately one year and will maintain all traffic, pedestrian, transit, and bicycle movements throughout the work zone. It is anticipated that temporary signage, signals, and lighting will be employed where necessary to manage traffic flow and provide visibility for safety throughout construction. Existing pedestrian areas will continue to have safe and accessible pedestrian accommodations provided throughout construction as well.

Project Cost:

The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$16.4 million. Funding for the construction will be Federal Highway Administration (90%) (FHWA) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (10%).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Is the purpose of these projects to extend the Cape Cod Rail Trail or create a recreational bike path through Wellfleet?

A: No, the main purpose is to improve safety and pavement conditions on Route 6 and the Route 6 and Main Street intersection, while improving bicycle and pedestrian access to the extent feasible.

Q: What is a buffered bike lane?

A: The shoulder of the roadway is usually widened for use as an on-road bike lane. The bike lane may include pavement markings indicating the shoulder can be used for bike traffic. A buffer is a visual cue to motorists that separates the travel lane from the bike lane. In this case the buffer is a 2-foot wide pavement marking consisting of diagonal painted stripes bounded by stripes running parallel to the travel lane.

Q: What is being considered for bus stop improvements?

A: MassDOT has coordinated with the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority to identify four locations for new or upgraded bus stops on Route 6. Details of the bus stops are under design but may include space for busses to pull off the road, a widened sidewalk, cross walks, a shelter with a bench, and signs, depending on available space.

Q: What is a best management practice (BMP)?

A: Stormwater management is a key element to roadway design. Structural BMPs collect stormwater runoff and provide pollution control measures designed to prevent or reduce the effects of pollutants on receiving surface waters. Structural BMPs also attenuate peak stormwater flows and provided recharge to groundwater.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Wellfleet, 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 or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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