



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2021

FOR THE PROPOSED

BUTTERS ROW BRIDGE OVER MBTA

Project No. 608929

Bridge No. W-38-003

Major Projects

IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON, 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. 608929

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Butters Row Bridge over MBTA project in Wilmington, MA.

WHEN: 7.00 PM, Wednesday, December 1, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Butters Row Bridge over MBTA 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 replacing the existing 3-span timber bridge structure at Butter row over MBTA Railroad in Wilmington. Existing utility poles will be relocated, and the water line currently located to the south of the bridge is proposed to be, moved onto the bridge. Roadway approaches, sidewalks, landscaping and the alignment of the Butter Row, Cross Street, Main Street intersection will be re-aligned. The new bridge will provide pedestrian access via a 2 - 5.5-foot sidewalks and bicycle access via a 5 foot shoulder in each direction in accordance with applicable design guides. The bridge will be closed during construction and a detour provided.

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 dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Major Projects**, Project File No. 608929. 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.

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 prior to the meeting, 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.

Access to this Live Virtual Design Public Hearing, the recording or a cancellation announcement will be published 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,

Carrie E. Lavalley, 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 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?

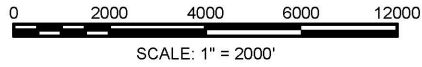
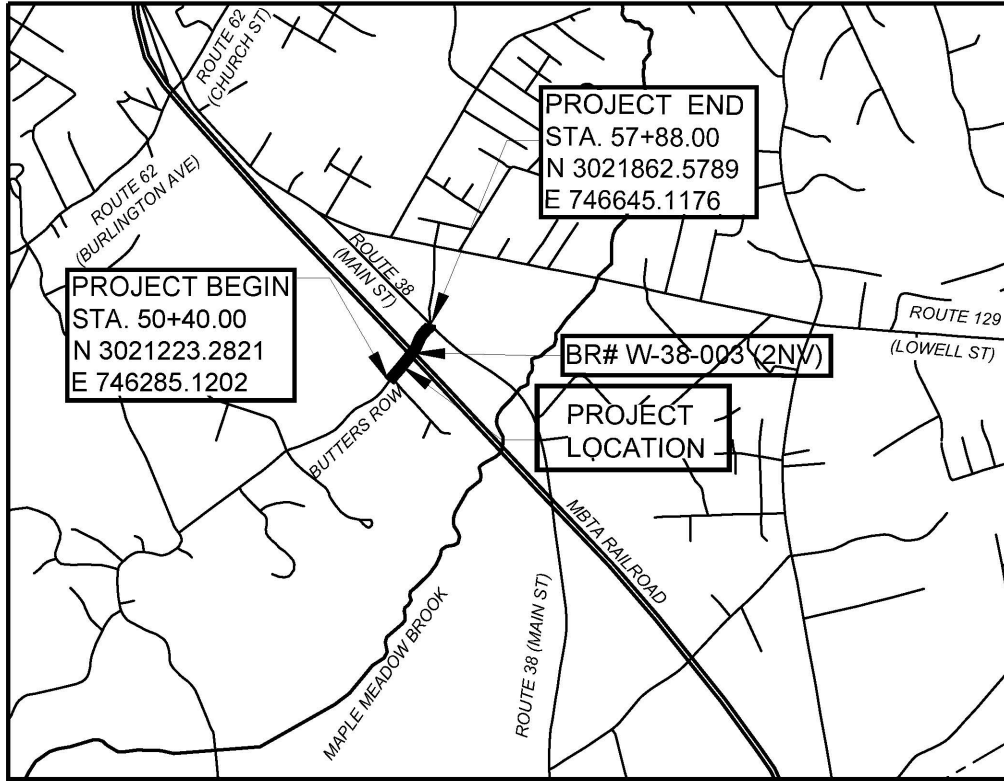
No. If, after the figure established as market value has been offered to the owner, the owner feels he or she is not being offered a fair price, he or she has the right, within three years, to appeal to the courts. Pending a court decision, he or she can be paid on a "pro-tanto" basis (or "for the time 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.



LENGTH OF PROJECT = 748.00 FEET = 0.1417 MILES

Scope of Work:

The work to be done at Bridge No. W-38-003 (2NV) under this Contract involves the replacement of the existing bridge structure carrying Butters Row over MBTA/Pan Am Railroad in the Town of Wilmington in approximately the same location with a wider structure, and the reconstruction of a portion of each approach.

The work shall include the demolition and disposal of the existing bridge superstructure and the existing bridge substructure. Work also includes the construction of a new single-span structure utilizing eight (8) steel rolled beams with an 8" cast-in-place deck with 3" superpave wearing surface. The new superstructure will be supported on new cantilever abutments and wingwalls, as shown on the Plans. The new structure will be widened to the north to provide two (2) 11'-0" lanes, two (2) 5'-0" shoulders, and two (2) 5'-6" sidewalks.

This widening to the north will also shift the horizontal alignment of the approach roadways to the north, requiring them to be rebuilt until they can tie into the existing Butters Row on the west side, and reconstructing the intersection with Route 38 on the east side. The alignment for Cross Street will also be shifting to the north to align with Butters Row as part of the roadway improvements. The vertical profile will also be raised on the approaches and the new bridge to increase the minimum vertical clearance over the railroad to 18'-6".

The demolition and construction of the new structure and approach work will be done utilizing a full detour of Butters Row from the Route 38 intersection to Factory Road. The detour will use Chestnut Street and Route 62 to navigate vehicles around the bridge closure and back to Route 38.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Wilmington, 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 dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Major Projects

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