

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 607570

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bikeway Construction, from West Park Street to Pleasant Street project in Lee, Massachusetts.

WHEN: 6:30 PM, Thursday November 4, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Lee Bikeway Construction 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 an approximately 1-mile-long trail, providing accommodations for pedestrian and bicyclists through the town of Lee, and a segment of the Berkshire Bikeway. The shared use path will run along the east side of the Housatonic River, between the Lee Bank on West Park Street and the Big Y on Pleasant Street (Route 102). The shared use path will be an 8- to 10-foot-wide paved surface with a 2-foot-wide gravel shoulder on each side, which will transition to 12-foot-wide pile-supported boardwalks (8-foot travel way with 2-foot shoulders) at three locations where the path crosses brooks and/or wetlands. Improvements to the existing gravel parking lot on Route 102 (opposite Big Y Supermarket) and at the Route 102/Tyringham Road/Big Y entrance intersection to provide access to the parking lot are also proposed.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Lee 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 MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, **Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607570**. 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.

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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