

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 609517

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Blueberry Hill Elementary School Improvements (Safe Routes To School) project in **Longmeadow, MA.**

WHEN: 6:00-7:00pm, Wednesday, October 27, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Blueberry Hill Elementary School Improvements (Safe Routes To School) 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 consolidating and improving existing pedestrian crosswalk locations with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) and MUTCD-compliant warning signage. Curb ramps will be reconstructed to meet ADA/MAAB standards as needed. Sidewalks 6 feet in width are proposed to be constructed along the east side of Blueberry Hill Road between Bliss Road and the school entrance and along the south side of Bliss Road between Grassy Gutter Road and Blueberry Hill Road. An off-road bicycle path 6 feet in width is proposed along the east side of Blueberry Hill Road separate from the sidewalk. Bicyclists will share the vehicular travel lane along Bliss Road. A grass buffer between the sidewalk and the curb and drainage improvements will also be incorporated into the project in various locations.

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. 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. 609517**. 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 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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