

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 608560

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Improvements on St. James Avenue at Tapley Street project in **Springfield, MA**.

WHEN: 6:30pm-8:00pm, April 5, 2022

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Improvements on St. James Avenue at Tapley 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 project consists of constructing a roundabout in place of the existing signal at the project location. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations will be provided in the form of raised shared-use paths, generally 10 feet wide except on the Tapley Street bridge, where an at-grade area for bicycle and pedestrian travel will be provided along the south side. High-visibility crosswalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons are proposed to be provided across each leg of the roundabout to facilitate safe crossings. The left turn onto the on-ramp from St. James Avenue northbound to I-291 westbound is proposed to be signalized.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **City** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. The City'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 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management, Project File No. 608560**. 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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