



IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING PRESENTATION

July 11, 2024

FOR THE PROPOSED

ROUTE 8A OVER THE DEERFIELD RIVER

Bridge Replacement Project

Project No. 612517

Bridge No. C-05-010

Highway Design

IN THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

**CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Project File No. 612517

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed ST 8A (West Hawley Road) over Deerfield River bridge replacement project in Charlemont, MA.

WHERE: Hawlemont Regional School
 10 School Street
 Charlemont, MA 01339

WHEN: Thursday, July 11, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed West Hawley Road Bridge project. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the complete replacement of the existing bridge with a new bridge. The new bridge will be built in stages. During the construction stages, one southbound lane will be open while northbound traffic will be detoured approximately 2 miles via Tower Road. The new bridge will have an eastern sidewalk. The travel way will consist of two 5' bike lanes, two 2' buffers, and two 10' travel lanes. The pedestrian and bicycle accommodations have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) 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 (10) business days before the meeting.

In the event of inclement weather a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
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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.

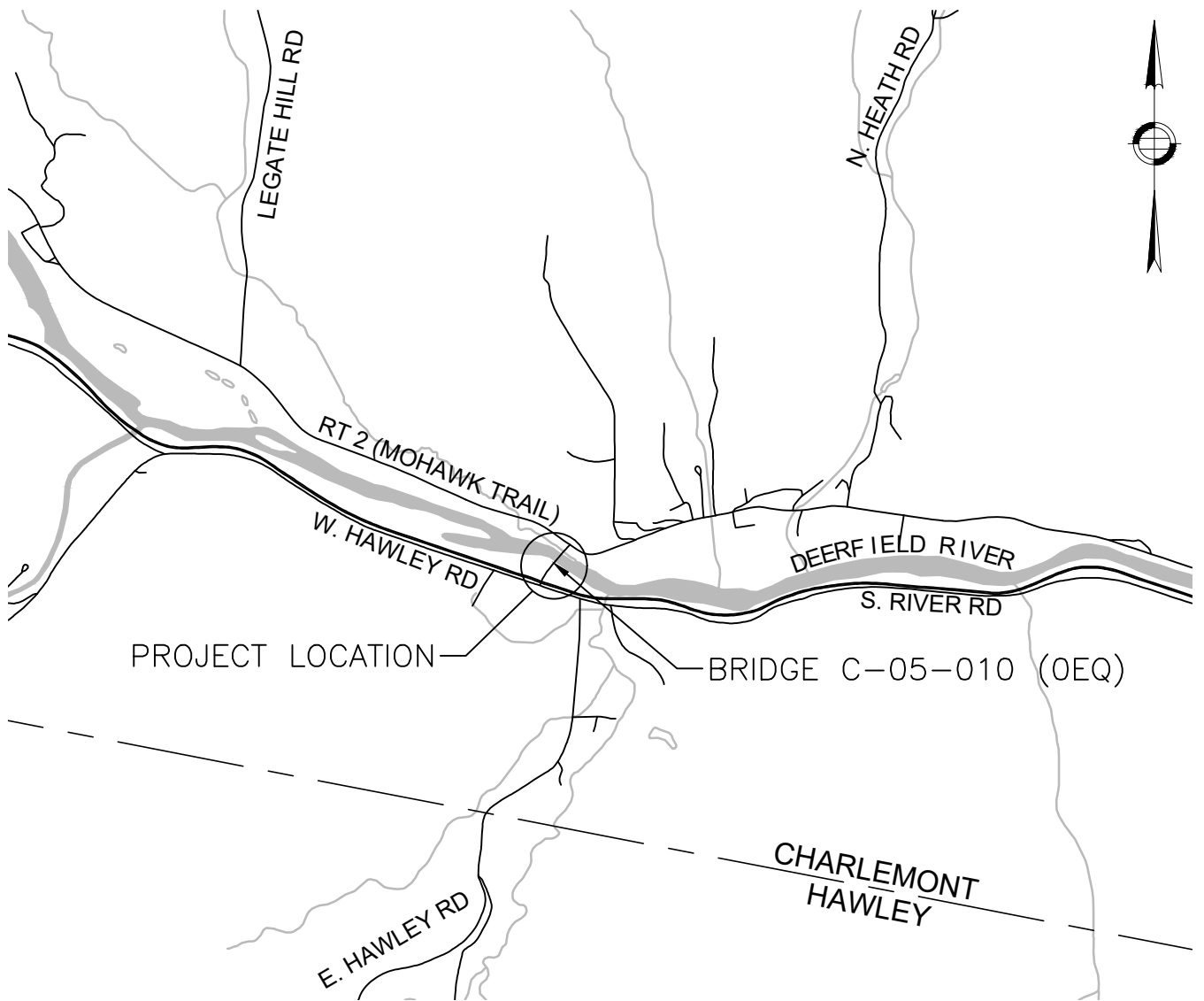
As part of the design process for this project, we are conducting this public hearing to explain the proposed improvements, listen to your comments and answer any questions you may have. At the conclusion of the hearing, MassDOT will review all of your comments and, where feasible, incorporate them into 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 Lavalley, P. E.
Chief Engineer



LOCUS MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

SCOPE OF WORK

Project Description

The project is located along Route 8A (also known as West Hawley Road) and will extend from approximately the Route 2 intersection on the north to just before the railroad crossing on the south for a total project length of 500 linear feet. This project includes the complete reconstruction of the West Hawley Road bridge over the Deerfield River and some reconstruction and repaving of the approach roadways. The project proposes to provide a 34-foot-wide roadway cross-section which is 10-feet wider than the existing bridge travel width. Improvements include an eastern sidewalk over the bridge, and two bike lanes with a buffer from the travel lanes. Travel lanes will be 10 feet wide and will be striped to promote traffic calming and speed awareness.

The project will create some slight disruption to traffic since the bridge will only be open to southbound traffic during the duration of construction. Northbound traffic will be detoured via Tower Road. The duration of construction is not known at this time. However, from past experience, a rough estimate can be made that the construction will last 5 years.

Traffic Management

The new bridge will be built in stages. During the construction stages, one southbound lane will be open while northbound traffic will be detoured approximately 2 miles via Tower Road. The new bridge will have an eastern sidewalk. The travel way will consist of two 5' bike lanes, two 2' buffers, and two 10' travel lanes. The pedestrian and bicycle accommodations have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

Project Status and Schedule

This bridge project is at the Pre-25% design stage. Comments from this Public Information Meeting will be taken into consideration to the maximum extent possible.

Project Cost

The estimated total construction cost is approximately \$10,000,000.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Charlemont, MA
Project Name
Project File No. 612517

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:

Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer
MassDOT – Highway Division
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Project Management

Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public meeting transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the meeting.

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