PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2026

FOR THE PROPOSED

Bardwell's Ferry Bridge Preservation Project
Project No. 613480
Bridge No. C-20-0017=S-11-002 (0HS)
Project Management

IN THE TOWNS OF CONWAY AND SHELBURNE, MASSACHUSETTS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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CHIEF ENGINEER

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Project Description: Conway-Shelburne **– Bridge Preservation and Superstructure Replacement, Bridge No. C-20-017=S-11-002 (0H6), Bardwell's Ferry Road over Deerfield River**
Project File No. 613480

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed project in Conway and Shelburne, MA.

WHERE: Conway Grammar School, Cafeteria
24 Fournier Rd
Conway, MA 01341

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed 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 replacing the deteriorated steel support beams of the 31 ft Span 1 of the Bardwell's Ferry Bridge with new galvanized and painted beams, replacing the timber deck and timber support beams of this span and the 198 ft Span 2 main truss span, cleaning and painting all structural steel and wrought iron, performing miscellaneous steel and concrete repairs, upgrading the highway guardrail transitions at the ends of the bridge, and milling and paving the roadways for about 100 ft at both approaches to the bridge. No changes to vehicular, pedestrian, or bicycle access are proposed due to the physical and historic constraints of the existing bridge. The roadway on the refurbished bridge will remain 14 ft wide, curb-to-curb, allowing for one lane of vehicular traffic, with pedestrians and bicycles continuing to use the shoulders of this same area.

MassDOT provides translation, interpretation, and other reasonable accommodations upon request. Requests should be made at least ten (10) business days prior to the event. Please contact MassDOT's Highway Project Accommodations office at MassDOTHighwayProjectAccommodations@dot.state.ma.us for your accommodation needs.

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

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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. Lavallee, P.E.
Chief Engineer

RIGHT OF WAY CONCERNS

Your Municipality is responsible for securing the right of way for this project. If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the Municipality 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. REASON FOR PROJECT

   The completion of this project will serve local needs. The proposed enhancement will also be in the interest of others in the greater community, and provide for the public good.

2. WHO CONTACTS ME?

   Representatives of the municipality have already contacted or will contact you. They will explain the procedures used in acquiring any necessary rights in land.

3. WHAT ABOUT DONATIONS? WHAT IS A RIGHT OF ENTRY?

   Town officials will often seek donations, of parcels, where permanent rights are required. This procedure will minimize the acquisition cost for your community.

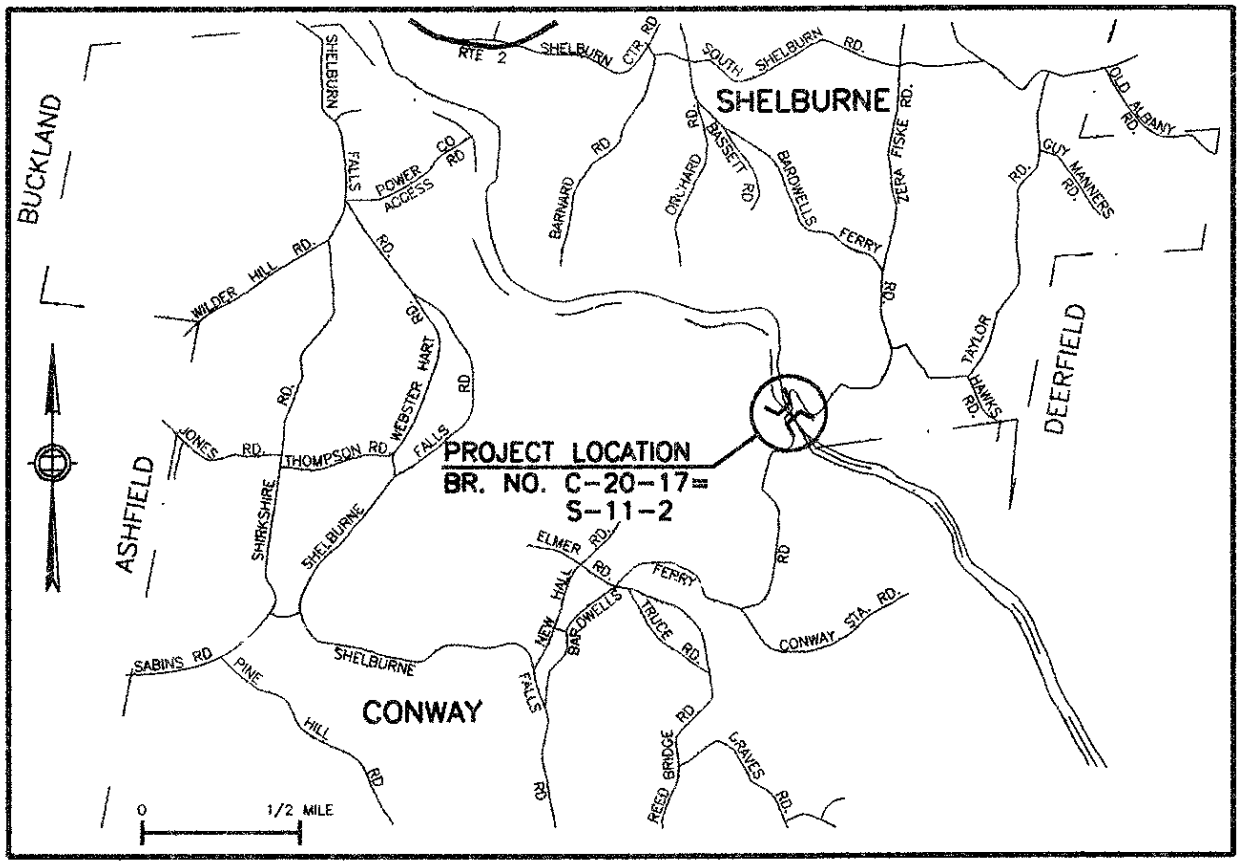
   A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection, etc. The rights granted are temporary in nature.

4. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR THE ACQUIRED PARCELS?

   In the event that donations are not considered, or completed, every effort will be made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded. Municipal and/or outside appraisers will complete an appraisal. Consideration is given to the type of rights needed, whether in fee, permanent or temporary easements. The appraisal will be the basis for arriving at a fair price (for damages that result).

5. MUST I ACCEPT THE MUNICIPALITY OFFER?

   No, if the owner feels that the offer is not fair the owner may petition the courts. This action does not stop or delay the acquisition. The action must occur within 3 years. The owner(s) may be paid pro tanto (for the time being). The pro tanto payment will not prejudice the court's final decision.


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NEW HALL RD.
FERRY RD
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SABIN'S RD
PINE HILL RD.
REED BRIDGE RD
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LOCUS MAP

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Construction duration is estimated as 18 months, projected to begin in summer 2027 and being completed near the end of 2028. During construction, the bridge will remain closed, and the existing traffic detour will stay in place.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Conway/Shelburne, MA
BRIDGE PRESERVATION AND SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, C-20-017=S-11-002 (0H6), BARDWELLS FERRY ROAD OVER DEERFIELD RIVER
Project File No. 613480

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. Lavallee, 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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