



**VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Reconstruction of Route 122, Susan Pkwy to Route 16  
Project No. 608171**

**Project Management**

**IN THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
Project File No. 608171**

A Live Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Route 122, Susan Pkwy to Route 16 project in **Uxbridge, MA**.

**WHEN: 7:00PM, Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Route 122, Susan Pkwy to Route 16 project. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project includes approximately 1.3 miles of Route 122 (South Main Street) from Susan Parkway to Route 16. The proposed improvements consist of removing and resetting of curbing and edging and new curbing, pavement milling and resurfacing, full-depth pavement reclamation, full depth roadway widening, reconstruction of sidewalks, addition of sidewalks, pavement markings for bicycle lanes, stone masonry walls, pedestrian curb ramps, excavation, minor drainage improvements, and signing and pavement markings.

This meeting 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](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and 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 meeting.

This Live Virtual Public Informational Meeting or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at [www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings).

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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. Lavalley, P.E.  
Acting Chief Engineer

## **WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?**

### **WHY A PUBLIC HEARING?**

To provide an assured method whereby the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can furnish to the public information concerning the State's highway construction proposals, and to afford every interested resident of the area an opportunity to be heard on any proposed project. At the same time, the hearings afford the Commonwealth an additional opportunity to receive information from local sources which would be of value to the State in making its final decisions to what design should be advanced for development.

### **WHY NOT A VOTE ON HIGHWAY PLANS?**

The hearings are not intended to be a popular referendum for the purpose of determining the nature of a proposed improvement by a majority of those present. They do not relieve the duly constituted officials of a State highway department of the necessity for making decisions in State highway matters for which they are charged with full responsibility.

### **WHAT DOES A PUBLIC HEARING ACCOMPLISH?**

It is designed to ensure the opportunity for, or the availability of, a forum to provide factual information which is pertinent to the determination of the final alternative considered by the state to best serve the public interest, and on which improvement projects are proposed to be undertaken.

It is important that the people of the area express their views in regard to the proposal being presented, so that views can be properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. These minutes will be carefully studied and taken into consideration in the determination of the final design.

## RIGHT OF WAY CONCERNS

The State is responsible for securing the Right of Way for this project. If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the State 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. WHO CONTACTS ME?

Representatives of the Right of Way Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Highway Division. They will explain the impacts and your rights as protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79.

### 2. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR MY PROPERTY?

Every offer is made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded to you for the property, or to appraise the "damage" to the property as a result of the acquisition. MassDOT appraisers, independent appraisers, MassDOT "Review Appraisers" and a Real Estate Appraisal Review Board may all contribute in arriving at an award of damages. The State also pays a proportionate part of the real estate tax for the current year for fee takings, and interest from the date the property is acquired to the payment date, on all impacts.

### 3. MUST I ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER?

No. If, after the figure established as market value has been offered to the owner, the owner feels he or she is not being offered a fair price, he or she has the right, within three years, to appeal to the courts. Pending a court decision, he or she can be paid on a "pro-tanto" basis (or "for the time being") that in no way prejudices the court appeal.

### 4. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY HOUSE?

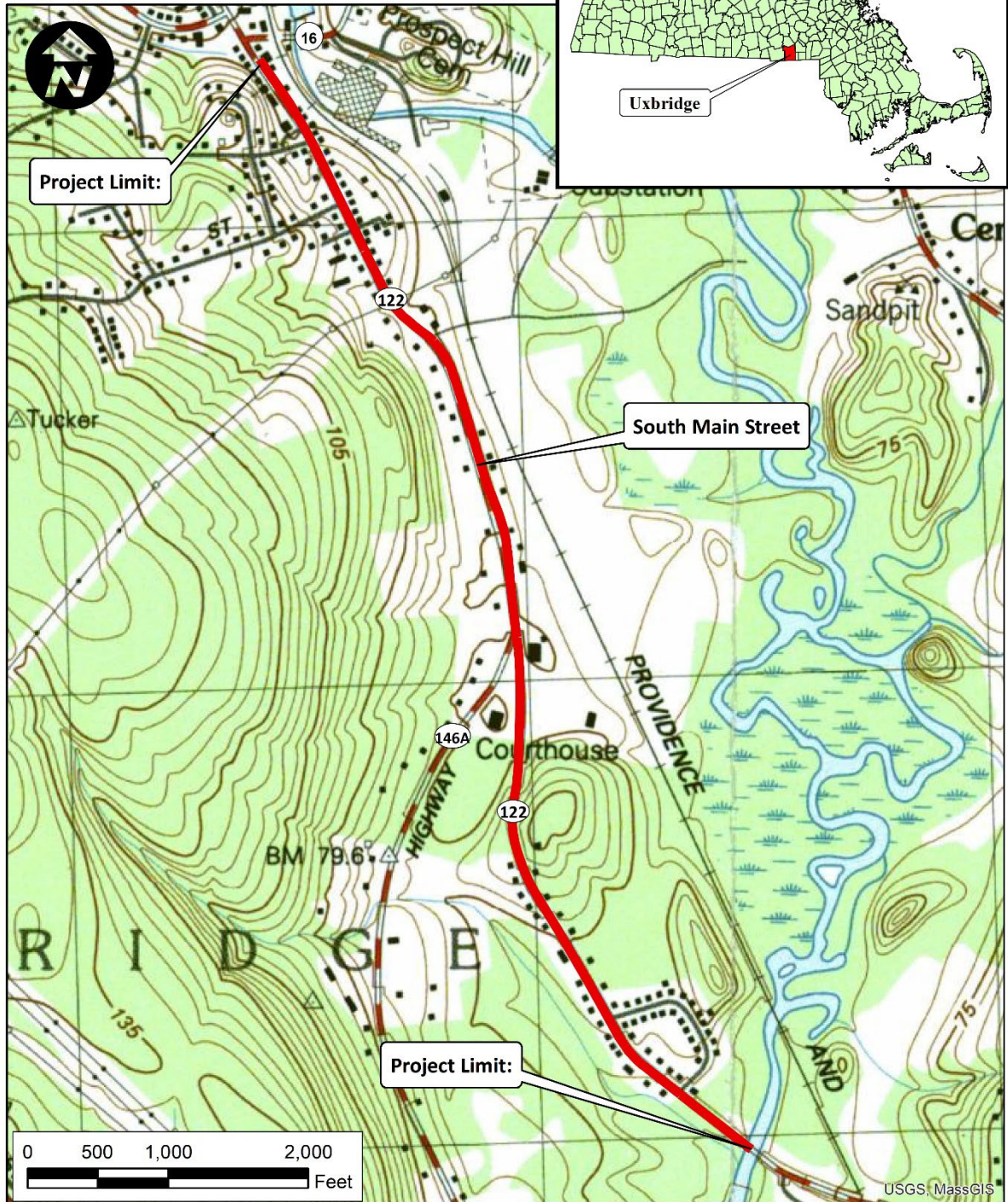
The owner will have the opportunity to buy back his or her house, provided he or she has a location to which it can be moved, and the proper permits for its removal. If the owner does not wish to repurchase, the house will be advertised for bids. The highest bidder, who must also have a location and permits for removal, will be awarded the house. Otherwise, the structure will be slated for demolition.

### 5. WHAT HAPPENS IF I MUST RELOCATE?

In addition to the market value of the property, the Department pays certain relocation benefits for both owners and tenants of acquired residences and businesses who meet eligibility requirements. Assistance in relocation is also provided. Department brochures are available for details on these benefits.

**Route 122 (S. Main Street)  
Roadway Improvements Project (South)  
Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts**

**Figure No. 1 - Project Location Map**



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## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

The proposed project consists of safety and operational improvements for a 1.3 mile segment of Route 122 in the Town of Uxbridge, MA. The project limits extend from just north of the Blackstone River Bridge and end about 100 feet south of Route 16 (Mendon Street). The purpose of the project is to improve vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian safety along Route 122. The existing roadway has a curb to curb width of 28 - 30 feet with limited sidewalks. The proposed roadway curb to curb width is 32 feet with sidewalks on both sides and 5-foot bicycle lanes.

The work includes installation of new pavement, removing and resetting of curbing and edging, relocation of utility poles and overhead utilities, pavement milling, full-depth reclamation, full depth roadway widening, reconstruction of sidewalks, stone masonry walls, pedestrian curb ramps, excavation, stormwater improvements, landscaping, and pavement markings and signing.

Overall, the proposed roadway improvement project will provide traffic flow improvements and pedestrian and bicycle safety along an urban minor arterial roadway that serves Uxbridge town center and provides access to Route 16 and Quaker Highway (Route 146A) which connect to the Worcester-Providence Turnpike (Route 146). This project will also enhance economic development potential for the Town of Uxbridge and surrounding regions and serve the community with improved access to Route 122.





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