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Thank you for joining our meeting. We appreciate your participation!



Project Team and Panel:

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MassDOT District 5

- Richard Bilski, District 5 Project Development Engineer
- Diane Hayes, District 5 Assistant Project Development Engineer

MassDOT ROW Agent

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MassDOT Legislative Affairs

Gareth Saunders

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Michael Lorenco, Town Administrator

VHB (Design Consultant)

Greg Russell, PE Env SP, Project Manager





Advertisements

- The Wanderer (by MassDOT)
 - June 6, 2024
 - June 13, 2024
- Sippican Week (by Town)
 - June 6, 2024
 - June 13, 2024
- MassDOT Website
 - Notice & Flyer posted on May 13, 2024
- MassDOT Social Media



Mattapoisett – Main, Water, Beacon & Marion – Public Information Meeting

What is happening?

MassDOT is holding a public information meeting to update residents and other project stakeholders on the proposed roadway improvement project on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road in Mattapoisett. The project will rehabilitate the existing roadway, while upgrading drainage and pedestrian improvements throughout the downtown.

How will this affect you?

The project intends to make improvements to Town infrastructure while maintaining the historic nature of the corridor. Modifications have been made to the sidewalks and utility layout to minimize impacts to trees while also meeting ADA requirements. The estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$12.7 million dollars, which is being funded through the Federal Highway Administration and MassDOT.

When

Where

Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Old Rochester Regional High School, Auditorium 135 Marion Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739



Visit www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events for more information.



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us. Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: Carrie A. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. [FILE NO.]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING Project File No. 607440

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road project in Mattapoisett, MA.

WHERE: Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium

135 Marion Rd. Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Mattapoisett, MA 02739

WHEN: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:30PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road 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 reconstruction of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Street between Acushnet Road and Route 6 (a total distance of approximately 1.54 miles). The project will include construction of new concrete sidewalks, varying in width from 5 feet to 11 feet wide, on at least one side of the roadway for the entire project length.

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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 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CARRIE E. LAVALLEE CHIEF ENGINEER



Funding

- Total estimated construction cost approximately \$16 million
- Cost does not include right-of-way acquisitions
- Project programmed in the Statewide Transportation
 Improvement Program (STIP) in 2028 Federal Fiscal Year
- Funding Sources
 - Federal Aid (80%)
 - State Funds (20%)







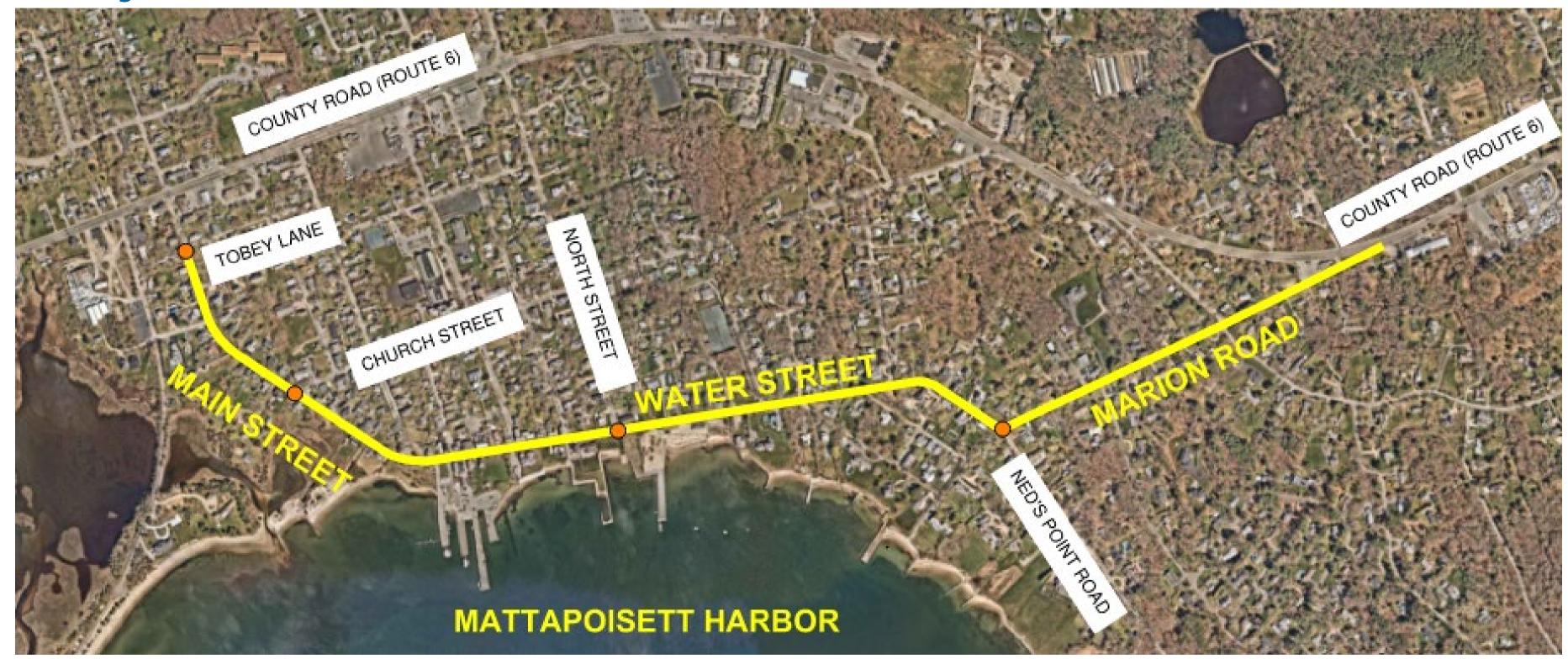
Project Overview

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Project Locus



Main Street: Tobey Lane to Pearl Street (~ 1,800')

Water Street: Pearl Street to Shipyard Lane (~ 2,150')

Beacon Street: Shipyard Lane to Marion Road (~ 1,200')

Marion Road: Beacon Street to Route 6 (~ 2,300')

Total Length ~1.4 Miles



March

2013

Project Initiated by Town

August

2017

Began 1st Round of Neighborhood Meetings **February**

2018

Completed 2nd Round of Neighborhood Meetings

October

2018

10% Design Submission

March

2021

25% Design Submission

July 2023

Revised 25% Interim Submission

March

2024

Revised 25% Submission

June

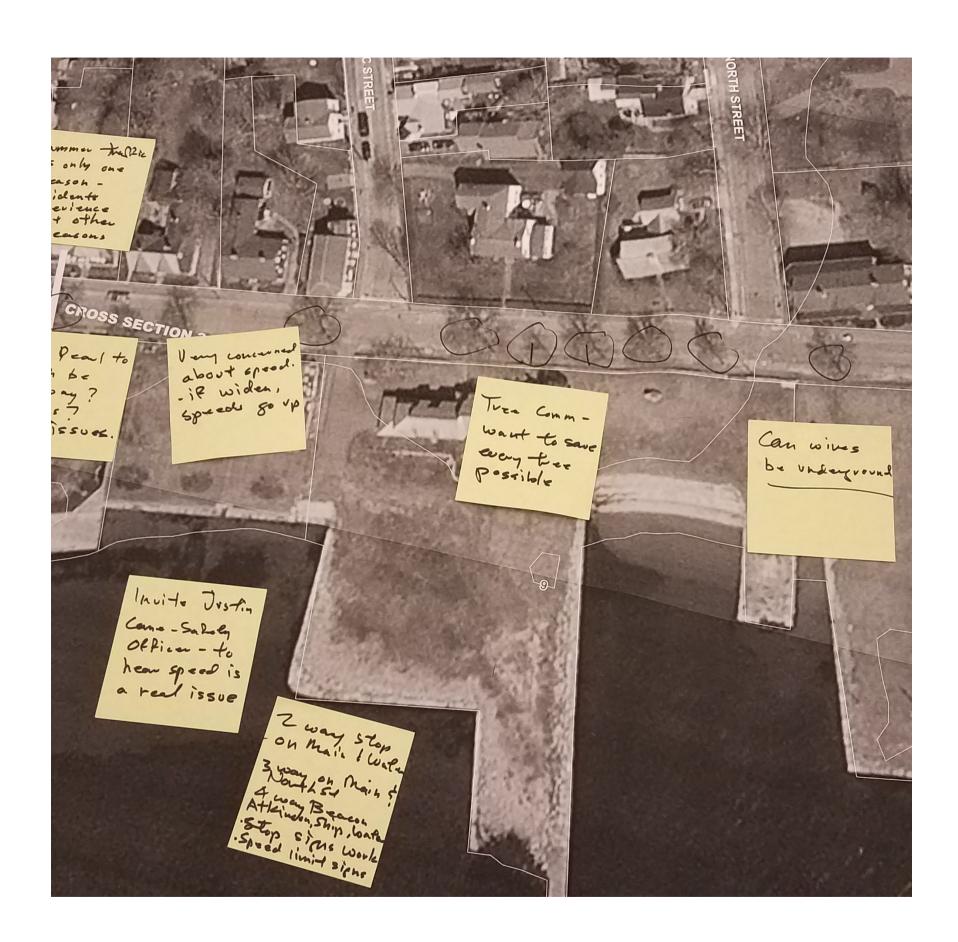
2024

Public Information Meeting



Public Involvement

- Eight (8) Neighborhood Meetings held between August 2017 and February 2018
- Multiple Meetings with Bicycle Committee
- Meeting with Tree Committee
- Regular updates to the Select Board







Why was this project initiated?

Existing Conditions Deficiencies

- Poor Pavement Condition
- Lack of Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian facilities and connections
- Lack of Bicycle Accommodations
- Inadequate Roadway Drainage and lack of Stormwater Treatment





Existing Conditions

Poor Pavement Condition



Lack of ADA compliant sidewalks and bicycle accommodations







What do we want to accomplish?

Project Goals

- Improve mobility for all users pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists
- Enhance connectivity
 construct sidewalks on both sides
 reconstruct the roadway
- Pavement rehabilitation
- New Curbing
- Pavement Markings and Signage updates
- Upgrade the drainage system







What alternatives were considered?

Alternative 1 – Sidewalks & Bike Lanes





Alternative 2 – Sidewalk & Shared Use Path





Alternative 3 – Sidewalks on Both Sides of the Road





Alternative 4 – Sidewalk on 1 Side of the Road







What is the preferred alternative?

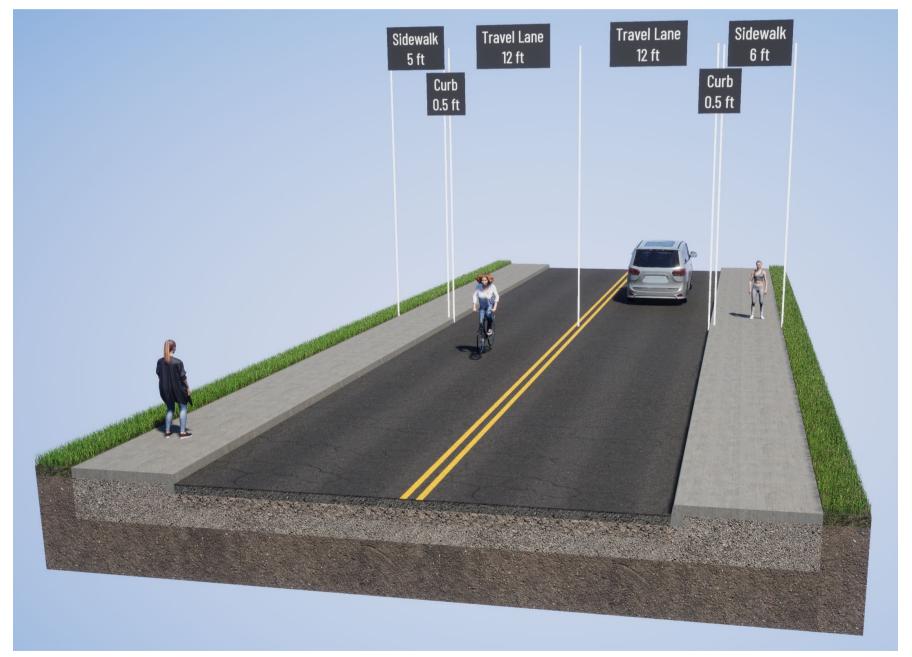
Proposed Cross Section

Combination of Alternatives 3 & 4 – Focused on Pedestrian Continuity

Roadway Width – 24 ft (12 ft Travel Lanes)

Sidewalk on 1 Side

Sidewalk (Both Sides) – 5.5 ft to 8.0' w/o buffer Sidewalk (One Side) – 5.5 ft w/ buffer (0' to 12')



Sidewalk on 2 Sides

Main Street – Depot Street to Church Street Water Street – Cannon Street to North Street













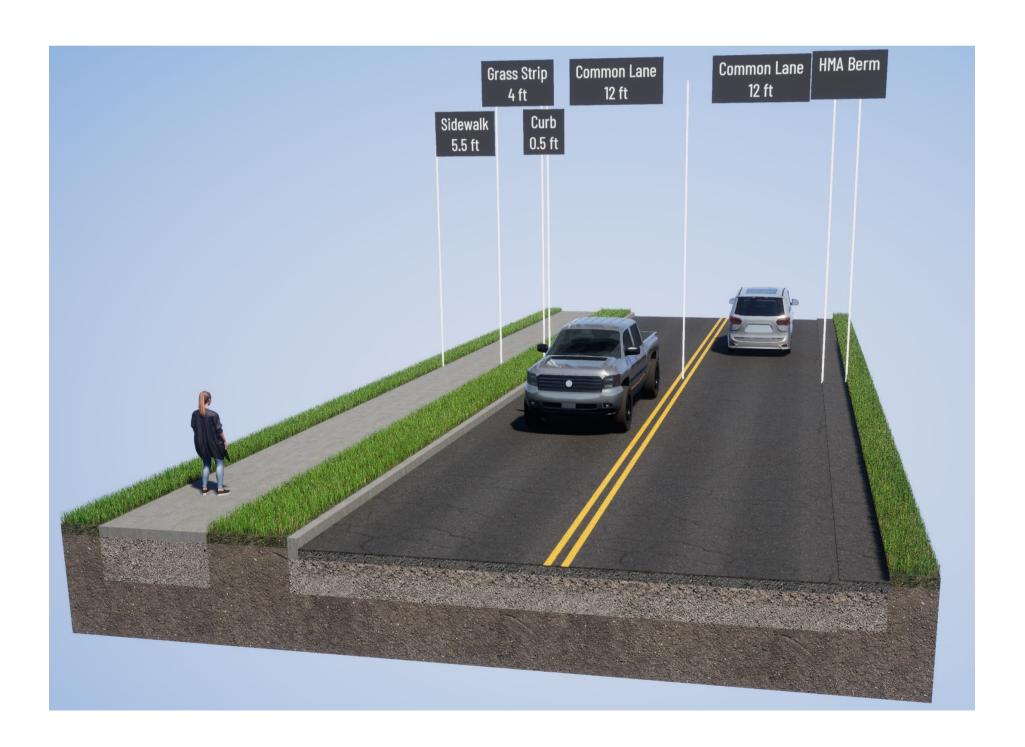




How will bicyclists and pedestrians be impacted?

Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements

- Design Waiver Received from MassDOT to Allow Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Compliant Sidewalks on Minimum of One Side of the Roadway (Both Sides, 2,000 feet each side)
- Design Waiver Received from MassDOT to Allow Shared Lane Bicycle Use







How will trees be impacted?

Tree Impacts

- The Project has been designed to minimize impacts to existing trees and utility poles where possible
- Trees identified by an arborist as healthy have been retained wherever possible
- A total of 27 public trees are proposed to be removed
 - 8 on Main Street
 - 16 on Water Street
 - 1 on Beacon Street
 - 2 on Marion Road
- 34 New Trees will be planted as part of the project
 - 6 on Main Street
 - 22 on Water Street
 - 2 on Beacon Street
 - 4 on Marion Road





Example Tree Locations



Main Street – east of Tobey Lane



Water Street – east of Barstow Street



Our next steps



Obtain approval of 25% design submission followed by

25% Design Public Hearing



75% Design



File Environmental Permits



Complete Final Design and Secure ROW



Advertise for Construction Anticipated in the Spring 2028





How will your property be impacted?

Right of Way (ROW) discussion -

- Town of Mattapoisett responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of a project.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the Town of Mattapoisett
- Procedures must comply with state and federal regulations governing the acquisition process.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
 - For a project receiving federal funds, property owners are further protected under Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended.
- Fee takings, permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required





How will we keep you informed?

How to reach us?

Submit written comments to:

Carrie Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer

MassDOT

10 Park Plaza, Suite 7550

Boston, MA 02116

Attention: Project Management

PROJECT FILE NO. 607440, Mattapoisett, Corridor Improvements

Submit email comments to:

MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us





Questions and discussion

Questions and answers



• Approach the microphone and wait your turn to ask questions or make comments.



 Please identify yourself by name and affiliation and spell your last name before your question or comment.



• Please share only 1 question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate.



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We do ask that you refrain from any disrespectful comments.



