

## MILTON ROUTE 28 ROAD DIET PILOT

# Fact Sheet

**MassDOT is conducting a Road Diet Pilot on Route 28 (Randolph Avenue) from Reedsdale Road to Chickatawbut Road in Milton. The goal of the Pilot is to address ongoing public safety concerns along the corridor by reducing speeds and conflict points.**

### What is a road diet?

The Federal Highway Administration defines a road diet as a safety improvement strategy that involves reconfiguring a road, typically by reducing the number of travel lanes (e.g, converting an existing four-lane undivided roadway to a three-lane roadway consisting of two through lanes and a center two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL). Road diets may also involve the addition of median separation at the center line of the existing facility to provide access management and reduce turn conflicts.

### Why is this happening?

The Route 28 corridor has a history of crashes, leading to public safety concerns raised by the Milton community. A road diet pilot was chosen because it allows the project team to implement improvements faster than a full corridor project. Because the road diet is temporary, the project team can evaluate and make adjustments when the Pilot period is over. The goals of the Pilot are to reduce fatalities, serious injuries, speeds, and conflicts.

### How can a road diet improve safety on Route 28?

The Road Diet Pilot will reduce the number of travel lanes from four lanes to two on Route 28 and introduce two-way left-turn lanes in areas of dense access and painted medians with flexposts in areas where left-turns will be restricted. Each block along Route 28 has a design tailored to what is most appropriate for that location. These adjustments can improve safety by:

- Reducing angle crashes,
- Reducing rear-end and left-turn crashes due to turning restrictions or dedicated left-turn lanes,
- Making left turns from Rt 28 safer by providing a safe refuge in the two-way left-turn lane or dedicated turn lanes for left-turns,
- Traffic calming, and
- Encouraging more consistent speeds.

### What's the project's timeline?

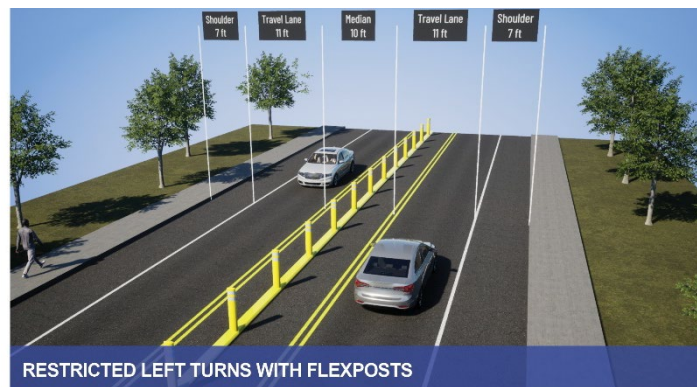
MassDOT presented the proposed road diet to the Milton Select Board in August 2025. Construction plans were developed in August and September, and the Pilot will be implemented in late September/early October 2025. Using pre- and post-data collection and observations during the pilot, MassDOT will evaluate the impacts of the pilot project and solicit feedback to determine the next steps in Winter/early Spring 2026.

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### What will construction look like?

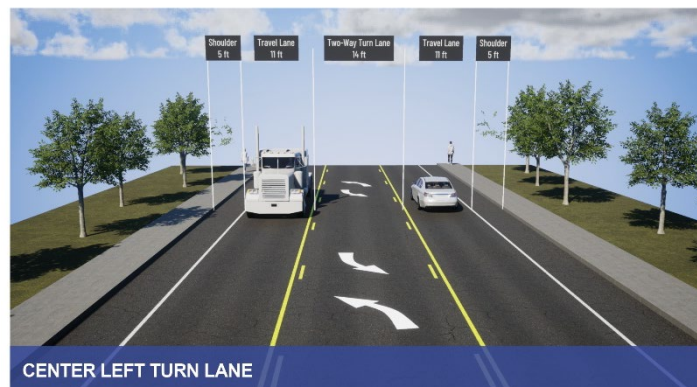
Pilot programs use temporary materials including pavement markings, signs, and flexposts to test out potential roadway changes. Drivers may experience temporary disruptions during the initial installation, but no major construction activities will occur beyond this period. Drivers can expect a mill and repave of Rt 28 in late September prior to the installation of the new pilot lane markings and flexposts in early October. Drivers and abutters should expect restriping to occur overnight during off peak hours.



### How will I be impacted?

All roadway users should expect an adjustment period at the onset of the road diet pilot in early October. MassDOT will be conducting observations during the implementation of the pilot.

**Abutter Impacts:** Residential and commercial driveways located along roadway segments with the proposed median will be restricted for left turns. Hallen Avenue, Highland Street and Carriage House School will have restricted left turns to and from Rt 28. Residents and business owners may visit the project website for additional information regarding turn restrictions.



**Regional Impacts:** Regional drivers should utilize interstate highways and other local routes as well as transit options.

### How can I find out more?

Please visit the project website below for more details, to sign up for updated and email alerts, and to view the latest resources on the Milton Route 28 Road Diet Pilot.

**Project website** [www.mass.gov/Milton-Route-28-Road-Diet-Pilot](http://www.mass.gov/Milton-Route-28-Road-Diet-Pilot)

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