



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

AT

PITTSFIELD CITY HALL

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

7:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

**LAKEWAY DRIVE OVER ONOTA LAKE
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Project No. 603255

Bridge No P-10-049

Bridge Project Management

IN THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER
ACTING HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

**PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 603255

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Replacement of Bridge No. P-10-049, Lakeway Drive Over Onota Lake in Pittsfield, MA.

WHERE: 2nd Floor Counsel Chambers Room, Pittsfield City Hall
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

WHEN: Tuesday March 20, 2018, @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Replacement of Bridge No. P-10-049, Lakeway Drive Over Onota Lake project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the replacement of the existing bridge with a single span prestressed concrete structure founded on integral concrete abutments. The existing abutments will be cut down and remain in place. Roadway reconstruction, paving, new guardrail, and drainage improvements are also included in the project. Shared use accommodations consisting of a travel lanes with shared lane markings have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Pittsfield is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 603255. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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 case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

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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,

Patricia A Leavenworth, P. E.
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 ISSUES

A secure right of way is necessary for this project. Temporary construction easements may be required. Your municipality is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in private or public lands. If your property is affected, your rights are fully protected under law.

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.

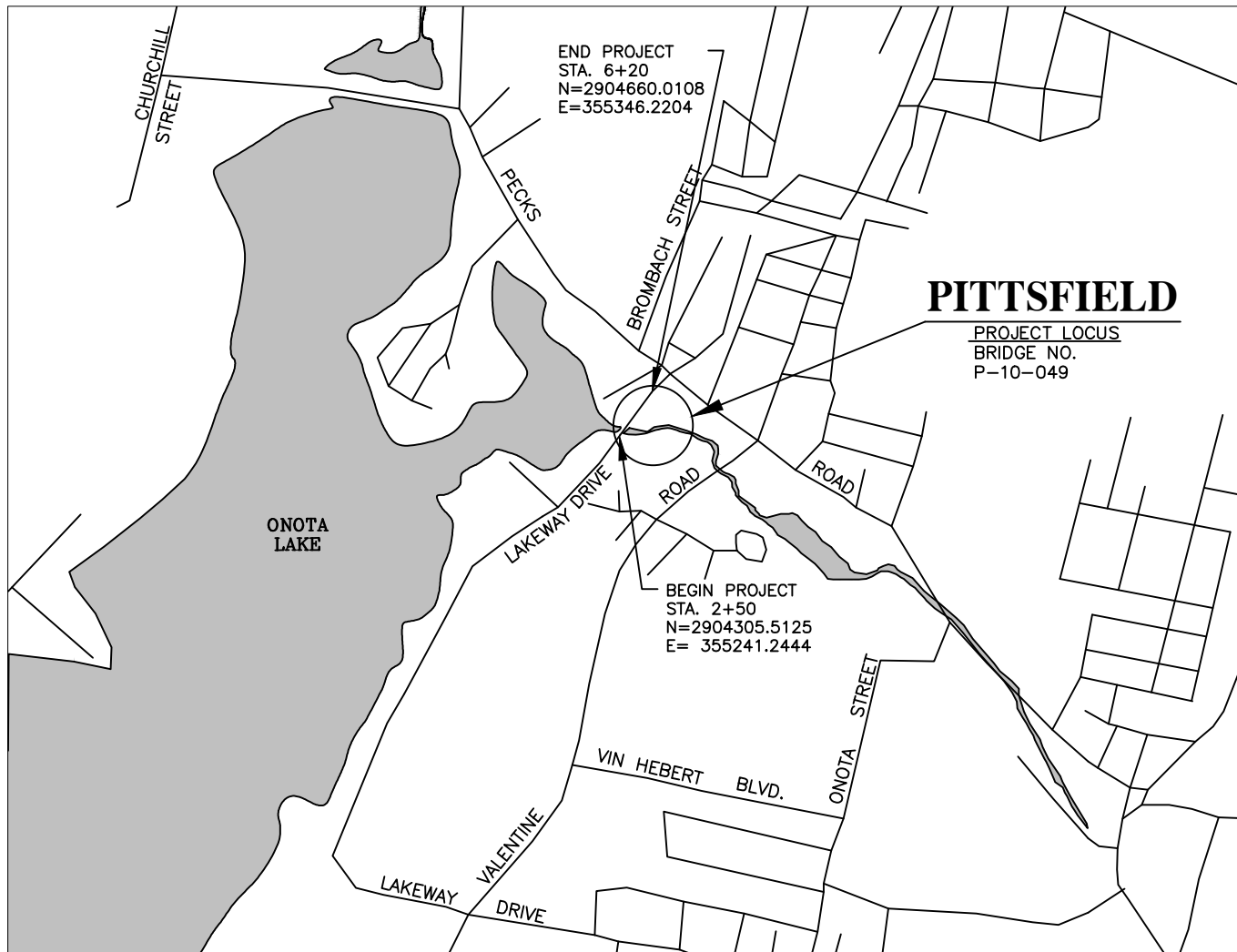
A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection,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



PITTSFIELD

PROJECT LOCUS
BRIDGE NO.
P-10-049

END PROJECT
STA. 6+20
N=2904660.0108
E=355346.2204

BEGIN PROJECT
STA. 2+50
N=2904305.5125
E= 355241.2444

LOCATION MAP

PROJECT FILE NO. 603255

PITTSFIELD, MA



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**BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
BRIDGE NO. P-10-049
LAKEWAY DRIVE OVER ONOTA LAKE**

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT PURPOSE:

MassDOT has retained CME Associates, Inc. (CME) to provide professional engineering services required for the bridge replacement design of existing Bridge No. P-10-019, which carries Lakeway Drive over Onota Lake in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the project is to replace a structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge along a similar horizontal and vertical alignment. Bridge replacement is anticipated to begin in spring of 2020.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

Lakeway drive is a two lane road running approximately northeast-southwest at the project location. The bridge crosses an outlet of Onota Lake. The main body of the lake is west of the bridge and water flows through the bridge from west to east.

The existing deficient bridge was closed and a temporary bridge was placed over it in 2012. The original structure was built in 1936. It is a single span, approximately 40 feet long and 39 feet wide. It is a steel stringer bridge with a reinforced concrete deck slab supported on concrete abutments.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

The proposed project consists of demolition of the existing bridge superstructure, removal of the temporary bridge, installation of the new bridge, and roadway reconstruction. The existing abutments will be left in place and the new abutments will be placed behind them. The new bridge will carry (2) 13'-6" Travel Lanes and (2) 5'-6" Sidewalks. Steel S3-TL4 type barriers will be used on both sides. The structure is comprised of (5) prestressed precast concrete beams supported on concrete abutments. Roadway improvements will include full depth roadway reconstruction and resurfacing. Also new sidewalks, guardrails, and drainage structures are proposed. Other items will include various utility relocations, landscaping, and erosion control.

PROJECT LOCATION AND LIMITS:

The bridge is located on Lakeway Drive southwest of Pecks Road in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The bridge carries Lakeway Drive over Onota Lake. The attached locus map shows the location of the project. The project limits are approximately 90 feet of roadway approach from the south and 120 feet of roadway approach from the north.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:

The project scope includes the full closure of Lakeway Drive during construction. Accelerated bridge construction techniques will be used to minimize the duration of the closure. It is estimated that the bridge will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for 60 days. A detour will be used for through traffic during that time. Traffic will be detoured down Pecks Road to Valentine Road, then onto Lakeway Drive, then through the Burbank Park Parking Lot and along an existing access road at Burbank Park. The same detour was previously utilized by the City of Pittsfield when the temporary bridge was installed in 2012.

UTILITIES:

The existing bridge carries sewer, gas, and water mains. These will be temporarily relocated around the bridge during construction.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Environmental permits will be required for the construction of the bridge.

RIGHT OF WAY:

The proposed design requires permanent right-of-way and temporary construction easements for the proposed bridge, temporary utility relocation, detour route, and slope grading at both bridge abutments.

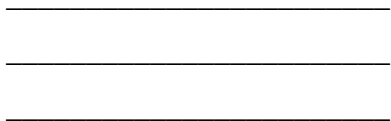
PROJECT COST:

The estimated construction cost of this project is approximately \$2,000,000.

PROJECT STATUS:

The plans on display tonight are at the preliminary 25% design stage. Comments received this evening will be considered in determining the final design. Construction is anticipated to begin in the year 2020.

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Place

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RE: Public Hearing
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