

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
Project File No. 607231

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Mountain Street project in Williamsburg, MA.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Mountain Street project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists new pavement, drainage, bicycle accommodation and safety improvements along the 3.25 mile long segment of Mountain Street beginning at the intersection of Kingsley Avenue and terminates near the Whately Town Line.

The existing pavement condition is poor and requires added winter maintenance and damage repairs during the construction season. Rideability and drainage are also poor. The existing guard rail and signage are sub-standard. Storm drainage from the roadway discharges directly into Mountain Street Reservoir, an Outstanding Resource Water which supplies drinking water for the City of Northampton.

Situated in a rural setting, the resulting actions propose to address roadway condition, safety, bicycle accommodations and stormwater treatment to provide for the needs for all roadway users with consideration of the adjacent natural resources and properties. The Reconstruction of Mountain Street includes a sliver widening along both sides of the roadway with new pavement over a strengthened subgrade. Uniform shoulders with pavement markings are provided in each direction. Also included in the project is new drainage swales, pipes and structures, new roadway signage, modern beam guardrail with crashworthy end terminals, and stormwater treatment at outlets.

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

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607231. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

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This Live Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

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