



**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 1, 2015**

AT

**CITY HALL
MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS**

7:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

**Reconstruction of Route 85 (Maple Street) Project
604810
Roadway Project Management**

IN THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

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

**THOMAS J. TINLIN
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. 604810

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed **Reconstruction of Route 85 (Maple Street) Project** in Marlborough, MA.

WHERE: City Hall, in Memorial Hall
140 Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

WHEN: Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 7:00pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed reconstruction of Route 85 (Maple Street) 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 reconstruction of 1.2 miles of Route 85 between the Southborough Town line and John Street in Marlborough. Improvements include minor widening, sidewalks on both sides, improved drainage and bicycle accommodations consisting of a 5' or 6' bicycle lane.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Marlborough 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: Roadway Project Management, Project File No. 604810. 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/>

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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.

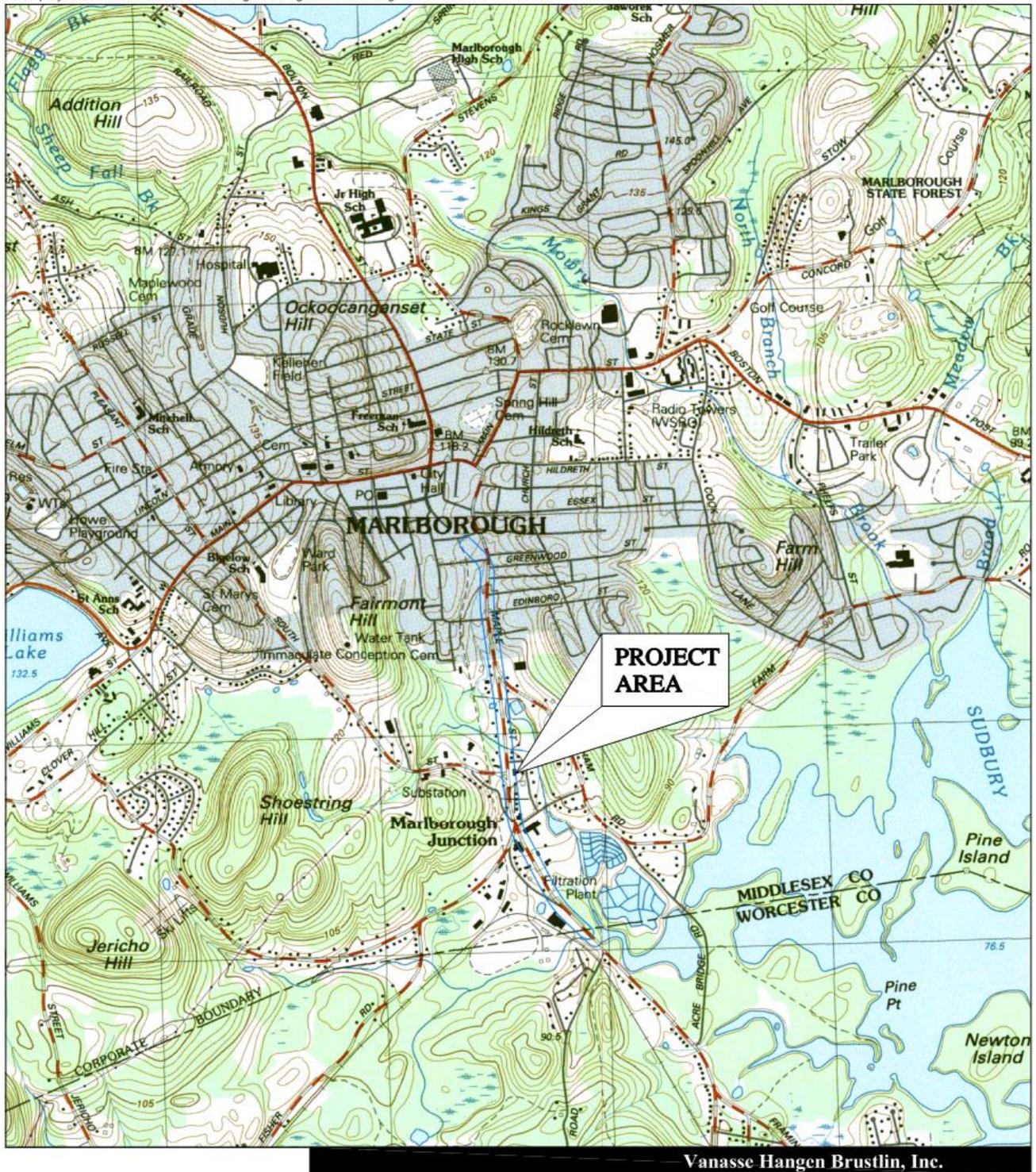
A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection,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



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Figure 1
USGS Project Area

Route 85 Reconstruction Project
Marlborough, Massachusetts



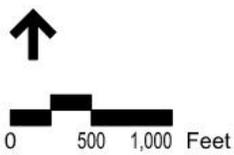
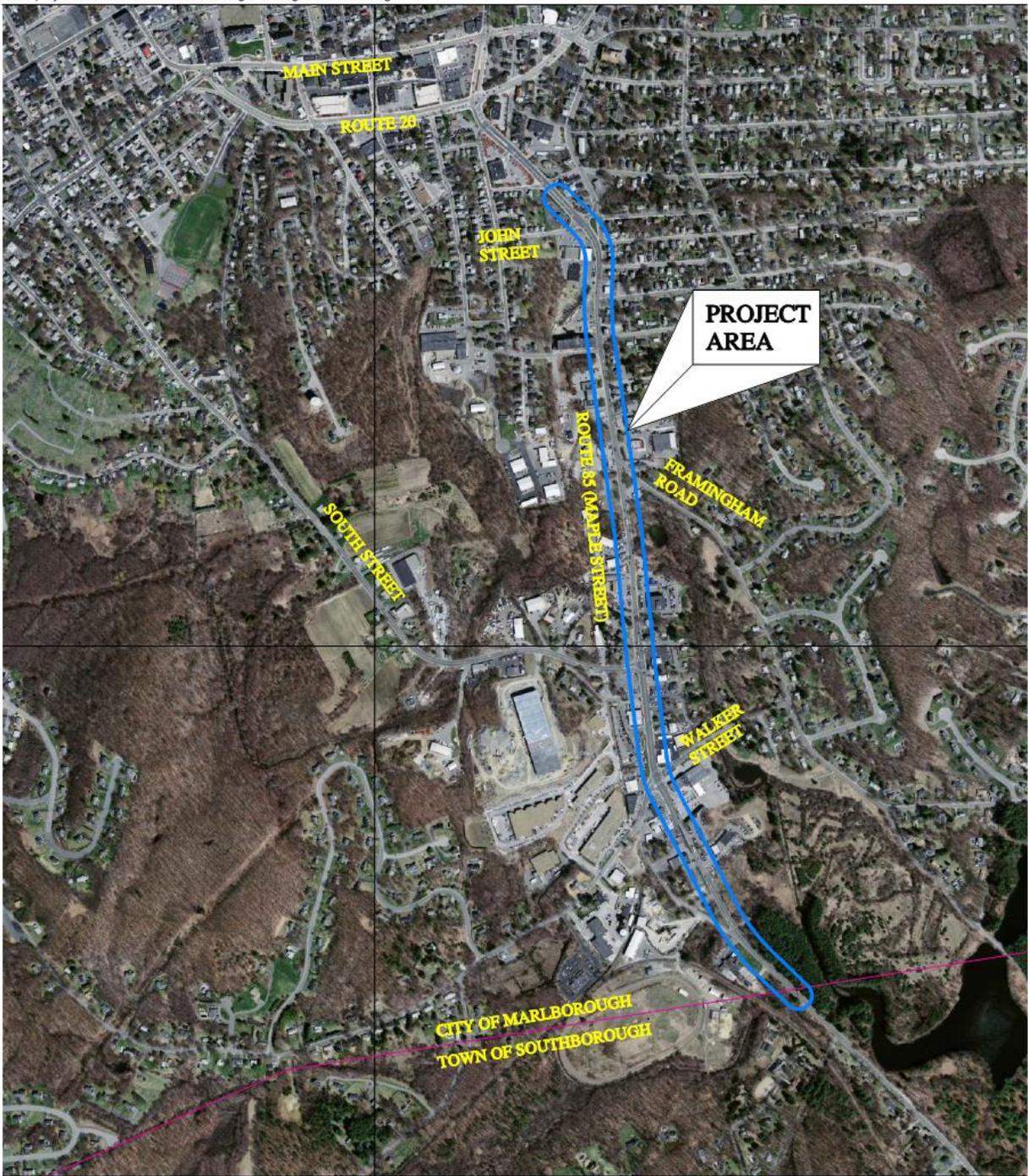


Figure 2
Aerial Photo Project Area

Route 85 Reconstruction Project
Marlborough, Massachusetts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Purpose: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), in conjunction with the City of Marlborough, is proposing to make improvements to Maple Street (Route 85) in Marlborough. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve roadway safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians, as well as to reduce congestion at the intersections of both Maple Street and Walker Street and Maple Street and South Street.

Project Location and Limits: Maple Street is located within the City of Marlborough south of the Downtown area. The project limits are from the Southborough Town Line north to John Street. The project length is approximately 6,175 linear feet (1.17 miles).

Proposed Improvements: The proposed project will consist of resurfacing and full-depth roadway reconstruction, new sidewalk construction, the re-alignment of Framingham Road, and enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Other items will include new traffic signal systems, minor drainage system and utility adjustments, improved roadway signage, enhanced crosswalks, landscaping and pavement delineation/stripping for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians traveling through the Maple Street corridor.

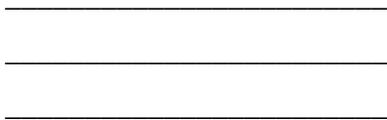
Maintenance of Traffic During Construction: The roadways in the project area will remain open to two way traffic during construction. Occasional disruptions to the normal traffic patterns may occur for limited durations, but great effort will be made to reduce inconvenience. Pedestrian and vehicular access to abutting properties will be maintained during construction.

Right of Way: The Right of Way required for the construction of this project will be secured by the City of Marlborough. Temporary and permanent easements may be required for roadway widening, as well as back of sidewalk and driveway grading to facilitate impacts to private property.

Project Schedule: This project must be programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in the appropriate Federal Fiscal Year in order for MassDOT to solicit bids for eventual construction. This project, through the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, is currently programmed on the 2017 Statewide TIP. The design plans presented at this meeting are at preliminary design stage. Comments made at this hearing will be reviewed and may be incorporated in the final plans prior to the award of the construction contract.

Project Cost: The project construction cost will be funded with a combination of federal and state funds and is currently estimated at \$5.2 Million dollars.

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