



**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**MARCH 11, 2015**

**AT**

**SOUTHBOROUGH SENIOR CENTER**

**SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS**

**7:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Reconstruction of Main Street (Route 30), from Sears Road to Park Street Project  
Project No. 604989  
Roadway Project Management**

**IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**Project File No. 604989**

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Reconstruction of Main Street (Route 30), from Sears Road to Park Street project in Southborough, MA.

WHERE: Southborough Senior Center  
9 Cordaville Road  
Southborough, MA 01772

WHEN: Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Main St, from Sears Rd to Park St 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 widening Main Street to provide for a consistent roadway width. At its intersection with Route 85, Main Street will also be slightly realigned, a new left-turn-only lane will be added in each direction, and the existing traffic signal system will be reconstructed. A new traffic signal is proposed at the Public Safety Complex. Upgraded and new sidewalks will be added to the southern side of Main Street to provide for a continuous sidewalk along the project alignment, and along the northern side new sidewalks will be added in some areas with upgrades to the existing sidewalks. Bicycle accommodations consisting of 4-foot wide shoulders will be provided, except at the Common where widening is limited. In this area, wide travel lanes with shared lane markings will be 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 town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this meeting.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting 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 meeting 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 Meeting 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. **604989**. Such submissions will also be accepted at the meeting. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public meeting transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto: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](mailto: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, meeting cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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Charles D. Baker, Governor  
Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor  
Frank DePaola, Acting Secretary & CEO  
Frank DePaola, Administrator



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 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 value your opinion. Please be assured that we will undertake no project without addressing the concerns of the community.

Sincerely,  
F. C. DePaola (signature on original)  
Administrator, Highway Division

## **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.

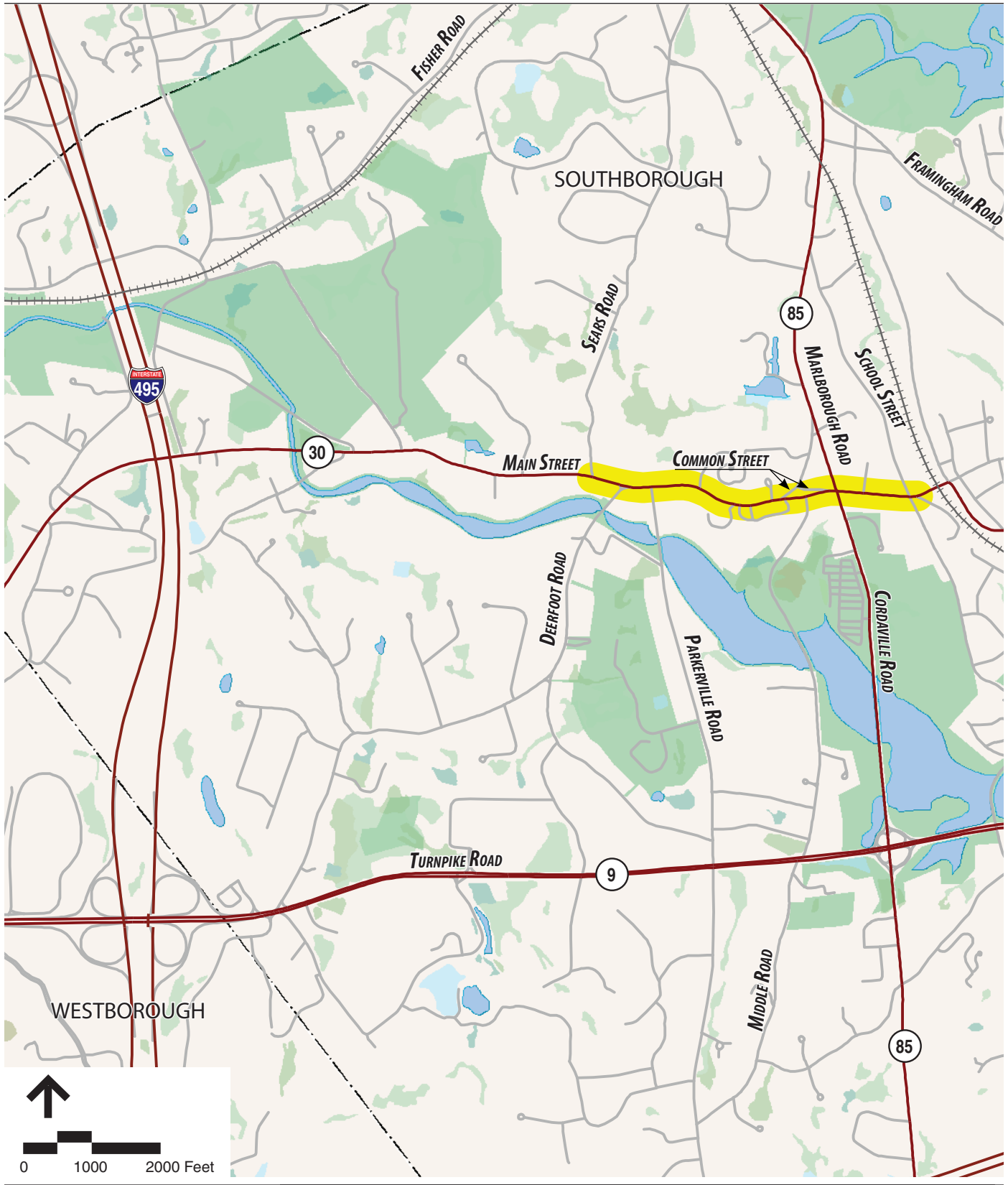
A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection,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

Project Location Map  
Transportation Improvements  
Main Street (Route 30)  
Southborough, Massachusetts

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Project Purpose:** The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), in conjunction with the Town of Southborough, is proposing to make improvements to Main Street/Route 30 in Southborough. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve roadway safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians, as well as to reduce congestion at the intersection of Main Street (Route 30) and Cordaville Road/Marlborough Road (Route 85).

**Project Location and Limits:** Main Street is located within the Town of Southborough's Downtown area. The project limits are from Sears Road to just east of Park Street. The project length is approximately 6,572 linear feet (1.24 miles).

**Proposed Improvements:** As a result of comments received from the Design Public Hearing held for the project on June 18, 2014, the following revisions have been made and are now shown on the design plans:

- Proposed sidewalk extended across property at 94 Main Street.
- Grass strip provided (min. 2 ft. width), where feasible, between new curb line and sidewalk.
- Drainage basins at Parkerville Road reconfigured to avoid existing trees.
- Curbed island provided for existing stone marker at Common Street (West) intersection.
- Crosswalk added on Common Street (West) at Town Hall entrance driveway.
- Crosswalk locations reconfigured at St. Mark's Street intersection.\*\*
- Proposed parking removed between Common Street (West) and Middle Road.\*\*
- Common St. (East)/Main St. intersection reconfigured to enlarge east end of Town Common.
- Southeast corner of Route 85/30 intersection reconfigured to reduce asphalt area.
- Northeast corner of Route 85/30 intersection reconfigured to provide grass strip between curb line and sidewalk.
- Sidewalk on east side of Cordaville Road (Rte 85) removed.\*\*
- New emergency signal at Town's Safety Complex initially reconfigured, but ultimately retained after input from Fire and Police Chiefs.
- Crosswalk across Main Street, west of School Street, included in design plans.

\*\*Design element to be further reviewed during the 75% Design Phase.

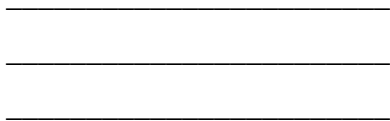
Additional design elements to be further developed during the 75% Design Phase include, but not limited to, the following:

- Providing additional trees throughout the project limits.
- Addressing historical elements, primarily within the Town Common area.
- Inclusion of sidewalks on Marlborough Road (Rte 85).
- Providing additional stormwater structures to alleviate drainage problems at the Library.





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