

## **DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**OCTOBER 23, 2013**

**AT**

**PEMBROKE TOWH HALL  
PEMBROKE, MASSACHUSETTS**

**7:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Route 36 Roadway Rehabilitation Project  
Project No. 600380**

**Roadway Project Management**

**IN THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE, 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 A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Project File No. 600380**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Route 36, Center Street Roadway Project in Pembroke, MA.

WHERE:       Pembroke Town Hall  
              Veterans Hall  
              100 Center Street  
              Pembroke, MA 02359

WHEN:       **Wednesday, October 23, 2013 @ 7:00 PM**

PURPOSE:    The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed roadway 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 resurfacing/rehabilitation and full depth reconstruction of certain areas of Route 36 (Center Street) for 2.04 miles located between Route 14 and Route 27. The work includes drainage improvements, sidewalk construction, and signing and pavement markings. Bicycle accommodation consisting of a 5-foot bicycle lane in the shoulder has 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 town 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. 600380. 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](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

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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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Richard A. Davey, 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 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,

Frank DePaola  
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.

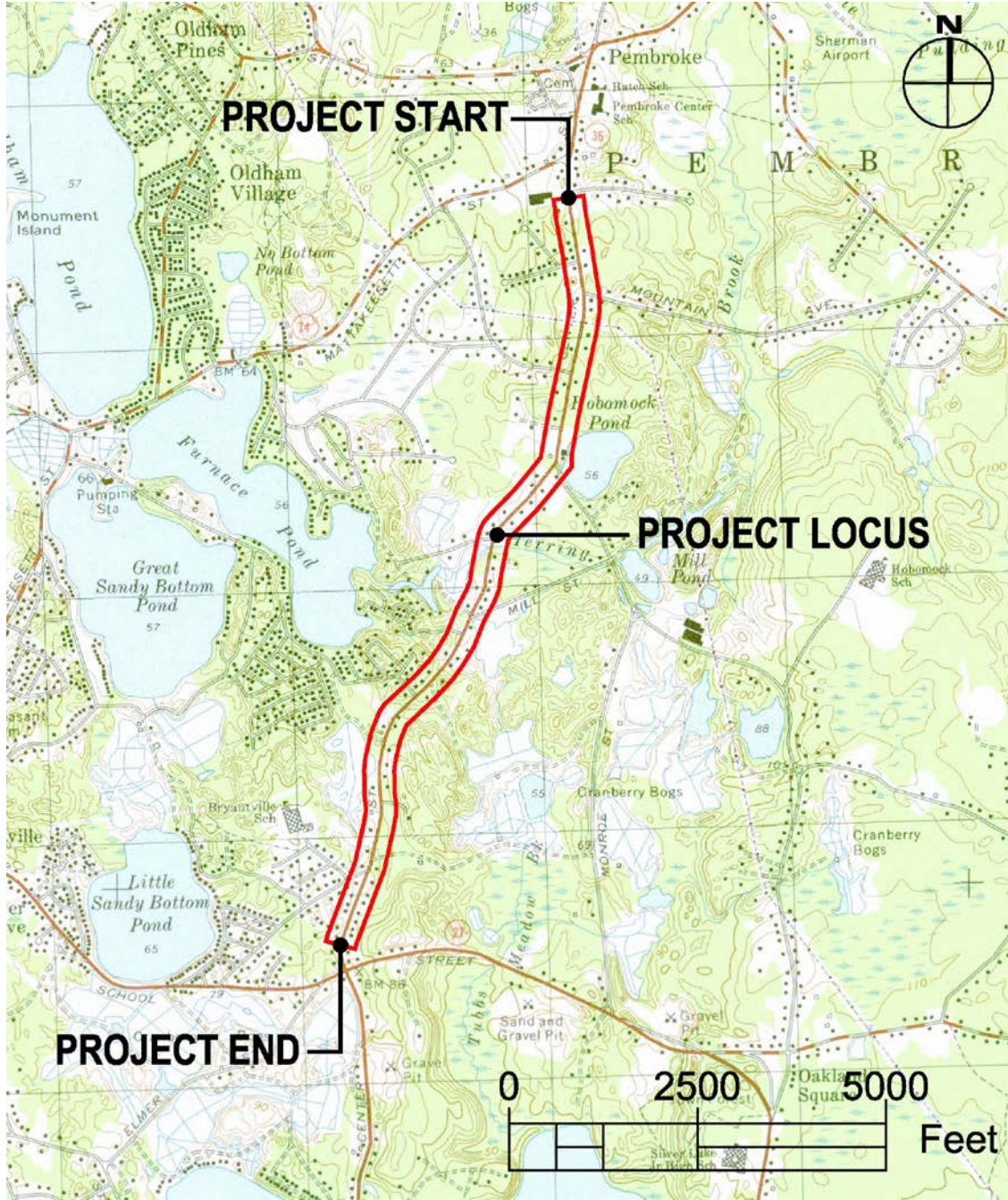
### **4. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR THE ACQUIRED PARCELS?**

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.





**LOCUS PLAN**

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

## **PROJECT LOCATION**

The proposed project is located on Center Street (Route 36) from the intersection of Eliot Avenue southerly to 300 feet north of the intersection with Route 27, a distance of approximately 2 miles.

## **PROJECT PURPOSE**

The goal of this project is to enhance public safety, efficiency and accessibility along the Route 36 corridor, not only for vehicles but for pedestrians and bicyclists as well.

Specific objectives of this project are the following:

- Improve/provide sidewalks and provide ADA accessibility
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle movements
- Improve traffic safety & mobility
- Improve the roadway pavement condition
- Improve drainage along the roadway

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

The primary improvements are as follows:

- Reconstruction of the roadway to allow for 11 foot travel lanes and 5 foot shoulders
- Provide new traffic markings and signage
- Reconstruct/provide continuous sidewalks along one side (northbound) of the roadway for the length of the project and provide ADA accessibility
- Reconstruct the intersections of Hobomock Street, Mill Street and West Street to allow for improved traffic movements
- Improved accommodation for on-street bicycle use (within the 5 foot shoulder)

## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

All roadways in the project area will remain open to traffic throughout construction. At least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Center Street. There will be pedestrian detours in place during normal construction hours. Sections of sidewalk may be closed for short periods of time to allow for concrete curing. Occasional short traffic disruptions may occur but every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to the public.

## **RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS**

To accommodate improvements for the project, a total of approximately 27 permanent easements are necessary which include 10 wall and slope easements and 17 utility easements.

Approximately 60 temporary construction easements (Rights of Entry) will be required from the abutters for driveway adjustments, walkway adjustments, slope matching and seeding. The Town will be responsible for securing all necessary easements.

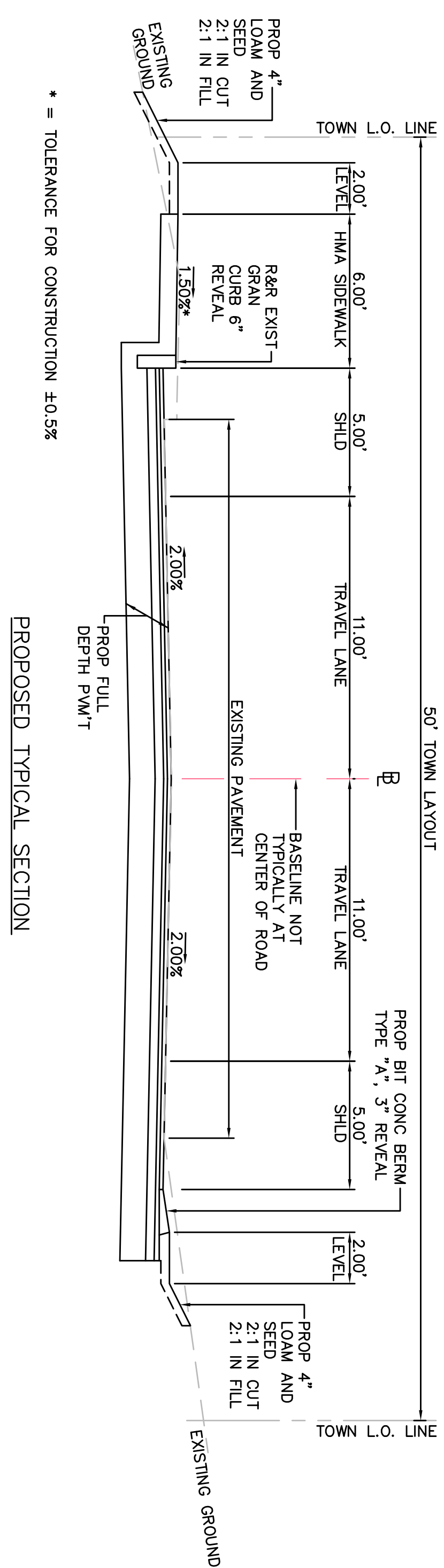
## **PROJECT COST**

The preliminary construction cost of this project at this design stage is approximately \$3.6 – 4.0 million.

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The design plans presented here are at the 25% design stage. The design is expected to be substantially complete in 2014. A construction Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be issued in the scheduled TIP Year 2016.





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