



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

AT

MARTINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

7:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

ROUTE 139 (PLAIN STREET) CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT NO. 604915

IN THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 604915

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassHighway to discuss the proposed Route 139 (Plain Street) Corridor Improvements project in Marshfield, MA.

WHERE: Martinson Elementary School, Auditorium
 257 Forest Street
 Marshfield, MA 02050

WHEN: Thursday, May 14, 2009

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Route 139 Corridor Improvements 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 construction of two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction and two 6-foot shoulders, with 6-foot wide sidewalks on each side. The infrastructure improvements on Route 139 are between the School Street and Furnace Street intersection approaches. The proposed project will remove an existing bottleneck condition between these two intersections. In addition to roadway work this project includes the installation of traffic signals at Enterprise Drive.

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

Written views received by MassHighway 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 MassHighway 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 Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. 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.

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Angela Rudikoff by phone at (617) 973-7005 or email angela.rudikoff@eot.state.ma.us. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHighway website <http://www.mass.gov/mhd>.

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Dear Concerned Citizen:

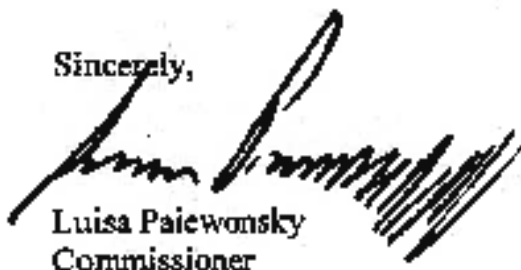
The Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHighway) is committed to building and maintaining a transportation infrastructure that is both safe and efficient for all who use our roadways, bridges, bicycle facilities and pedestrian paths, while maintaining the integrity of the environment.

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, MassHighway will review all of your comments and, where feasible, incorporate them into the design of the project.

Unfortunately, new construction often creates inconveniences for the public. MassHighway places a great deal of emphasis on minimizing the temporary disruptive effects of construction.

MassHighway 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,



Luisa Paiewonsky
Commissioner

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.

TO SAFEGUARD THE PROPERTY OWNER

If your property, or a portion of it, must be taken by the State for a highway in the interest of all people of the Commonwealth, your rights are fully protected under the law. Briefly, here are some of the answers to questions you might ask.

1. **WHO CONTACTS ME?**

Representatives of the Right of Way Bureau of the Massachusetts Highway Department. They will explain the procedure to be followed in acquiring and paying for the property. An appraiser may ask questions needed to arrive at a fair price for your property.

2. **WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR MY PROPERTY?**

Every offer is made to insure that an equitable value is awarded to you for the property, or to appraise the “damage” to the property as a result of the taking. MHD appraisers, independent appraisers, MHD “Review Appraisers” and a Real Estate Review Board may all contribute in arriving at a fair price. The State also pays a proportionate part of the real estate tax for the current year, and interest from the date the property is acquired.

3. **MUST I ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT’S OFFER?**

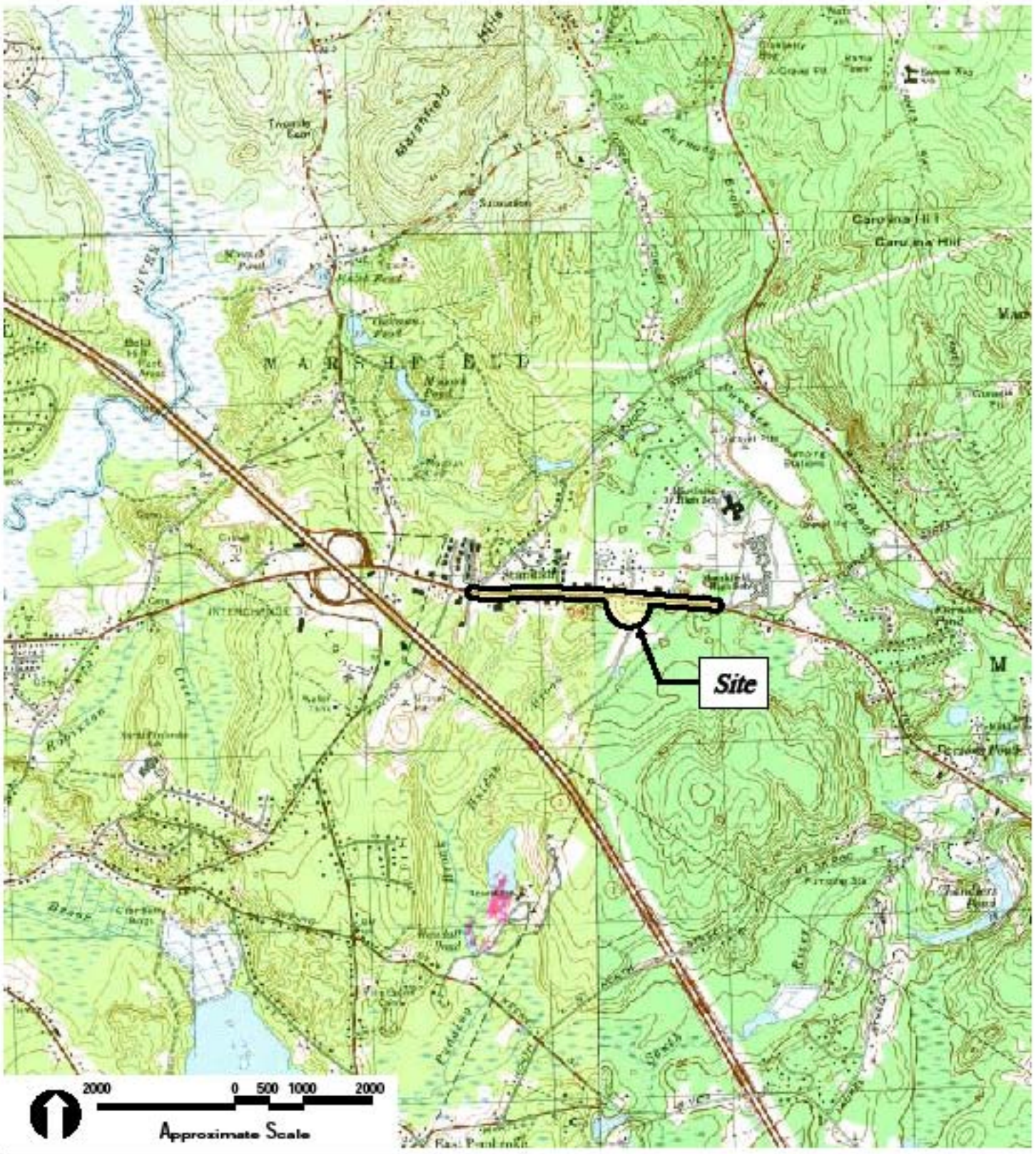
No. If, after the figure established as a fair market value has been offered to the owner, the owner feels he or she is not being offered a fair price, he or she has the right within two years to appeal to the courts. PENDING a court decision, he or she can be paid a “protanto” (or “for the time being”) amount that in no way prejudices the court appeal.

4. **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY HOUSE?**

The owner will have the opportunity to buy back his or her house, provided he or she has a location to which it can be moved; and the proper permits for its removal. If the owner does not wish to repurchase, the house will be advertised for bids. The highest bidder, who must also have a location and permits for removal, will be awarded the house.

5. **WHAT HAPPENS IF I MUST RELOCATE?**

In addition to the fair market value of the property, the Department pays certain relocation benefits for both owners and tenants of acquired residences and businesses who meet eligibility requirements. Assistance in relocation is also provided. Department brochures are available for details on these benefits.



Road Widening
 Route 139
 Marshfield, Massachusetts



Project Description

The project includes widening the roadway from two travel lanes to four travel lanes, with additional turning lanes at the proposed signalized intersection at relocated Enterprise Drive. The Enterprise Drive intersection and approach will be shifted to the east approximately 200 feet to provide a 4-way intersection as opposed to two 3-way intersections in close proximity to each other. Pedestrian signals and painted crosswalks will be included at the reconstructed intersection.

The project includes construction of a new sidewalk on the north side of the roadway and reconstruction of the existing sidewalk on the south side. In addition, the School Street approach to the intersection at Route 139 will be re-aligned to improve the existing skew.

Box widening of approximately twenty-four (24) feet to the existing 36-foot wide Route 139 paved roadway will be required to accommodate the proposed pavement section of four 12-foot wide travel lanes and two 6-foot wide shoulders.

Land Acquisition:

The existing right of way width of 65 feet is insufficient to accommodate the proposed 76 foot wide section comprised of the widened roadway, new sidewalks, and utility space reserved at back of the sidewalks. Where turn lanes are proposed at the Enterprise Drive intersection, an additional 12 feet will be needed. To construct the project, approximately 53,000 sf of property taking involving 54 property parcels are required. Temporary easements will also be required from all of the project abutters to properly reconstruct lawn slopes and driveways.

Maintenance of Traffic During Construction:

Two travel lanes will be maintained on Route 139 at all times during construction. Traffic will be controlled with signs, pavement markings, and flaggers or police details if required. Access to all properties adjacent to the project will be maintained at all times.

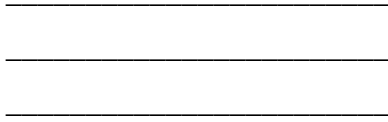
Project Status:

The design plans at this meeting are at the preliminary design stage. Comments made at this meeting will be reviewed and may be incorporated into the final plans prior to award of the construction contract.

Project Construction Cost:

The estimated cost of the project is about \$6.5 million.

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