

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Project Description: West Brookfield- Bridge Replacement, W-19-002 (187), Long Hill Road Over Quaboag River

Project File No. 613143

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in West Brookfield, MA.

WHEN: 6:00 PM, Wednesday, April 29, 2026

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement, W-19-002 (187), Long Hill Road Over Quaboag River 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 of fully replacing existing Bridge No. W-19-002 carrying Long Hill Road over the Quaboag River. The existing span length of the bridge will be increased from approximately 95 feet to 140 feet. The new structure will consist of a steel multi-girder superstructure on pile supported concrete abutments. The existing roadway on the bridge will be widened by 1 foot on each side to provide an 11-foot-wide lane and 5-foot-wide shoulder in each direction. The existing 5-and-half-foot wide sidewalk on the south side of the bridge will be replaced with a 6-foot-wide sidewalk to meet current criteria. Sidewalk ramps are proposed at the bridge approaches to transition pedestrians to the shoulder. Long Hill Road will be repaved for approximately 300 feet on each side of the bridge. Roadway upgrades are proposed within the paving the limits including new guardrail, curbing, and drainage structures. The shoulder widening has been provided in accordance with applicable standards to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian use.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of West Brookfield 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 Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 613143. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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