

Welcome!

Improvements to Pingree Elementary School – Safe Route to
School (SRTS)

Weymouth | Project File No. 608003

DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Weymouth Town Hall, Council Hearing Room
March 2, 2017 | 6:30 PM

Introduction

- Albert Miller - Project Manager- MassDOT
- Fayssal Hussein, PE, PTOE - Nitsch Engineering

History of Public Outreach

- **Assessment request submitted to MassDOT by the Lawrence W. Pingree Elementary School - September 2012**
- **MassDOT District 6 and School and Town Staff Infrastructure Assessment and Field Visit – May 14, 2013**
- **Preliminary concepts shared with Town of Weymouth Planning and Engineering Staff – Multiple follow up meetings and field visits held to verify recommendations.**
- **MassDOT, Nitsch Engineering, and School and Town staff held a field visit to review 25/75% design plans and discuss comments/concerns - December 20, 2016**



Project Team



MassDOT District 6

Project Proponent

Consultant Engineering Firm

Responsible for Design

MassDOT's Highway Division

Responsible for administering the Design Process and providing Resident Engineer Services

Federal Highway Administration

Federally Funded Project

Project Area



**Why do we need
this project?**



Existing Issues

- High traffic volumes during parent pick-up/drop-off hours.
- Wide curb-to-curb roadway width and large turning radii.
 - High vehicle speeds
 - Limited sight distance
 - Long crosswalks
- Non-compliant wheelchair ramps.
- School zone flashers are out of date or not functioning effectively.

Existing Issues (cont.)



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Project Goals

- **Intersection Safety** | Improve Inter. Safety
- **Deficient Pedestrian Accommodation** | Improve Ped. Accom.
- **Non Compliant School Zone Flashers** | Install MUTCD compliant school zone flasher assemblies

Project Scope

- Construct Roadway “bump outs”.
- Reconstruct existing sidewalks.
- New accessible wheelchair ramps and crosswalks.
- New pavement markings and signage.
- New flashing school zone warning beacons.
- New MUTCD compliant school zone flashers.

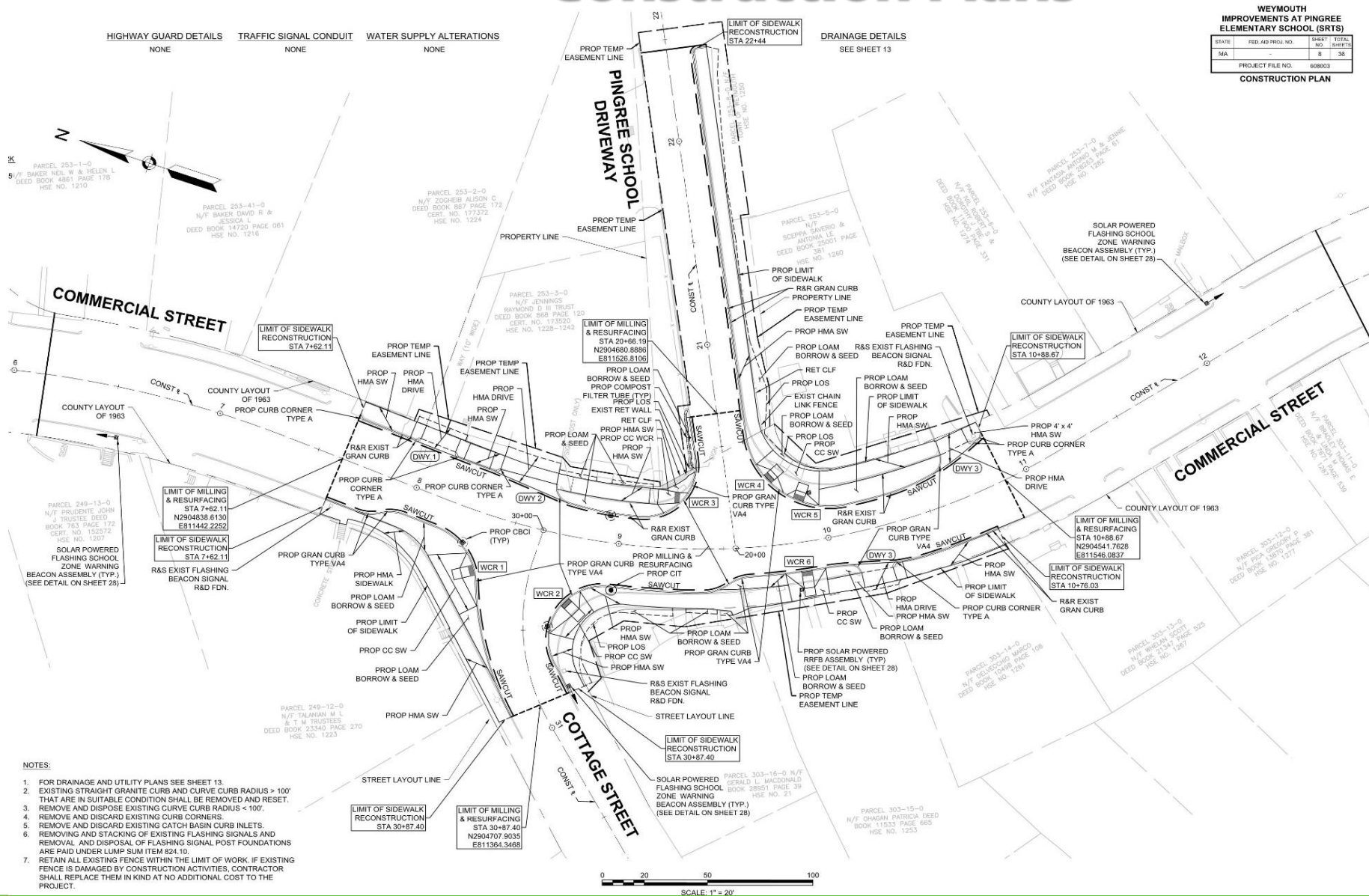


DRAINAGE DETAILS
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**WEYMOUTH
IMPROVEMENTS AT PINGREE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS)**

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CONSTRUCTION PLAN





**How will traffic
be affected?**





ALERT: Traffic Impacts

- Temporary Lane Closures during working hours.
- No Road closures or detours.
- Time of Day: As determined by MassDOT.

Construction Duration

**Estimated construction duration is one construction season
(spring to fall)**

Next Steps

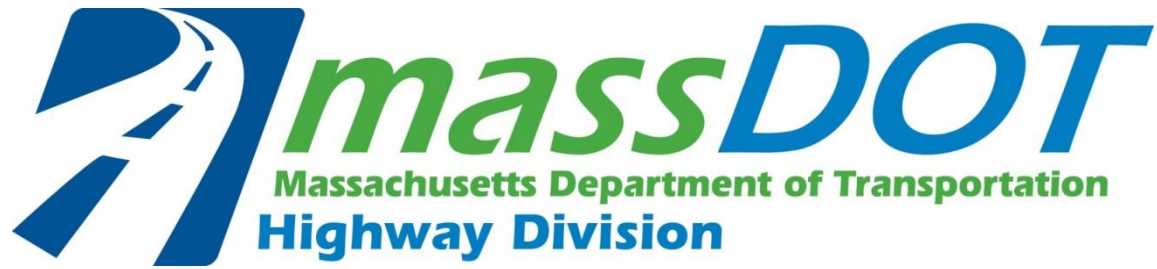
MassDOT / Consultant will review and respond to all public comments received in writing or in this meeting.

Consultant will prepare next design submission package for MassDOT review and incorporate comments.

Contact Information



- Mail-in comment sheets
- Contact Person; Albert Miller, Project Manager
(Albert.Miller@dot.state.ma.us) **857-368-9341**



Thank You

Q&A

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 608003

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed improvements to Pingree Elementary School – Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project in the Town of Weymouth, MA.

WHERE: Weymouth Town Hall
Town Council Hearing Room
75 Middle Street,
Weymouth, MA 02189

WHEN: Thursday, March 2, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Improvements to Pingree Elementary School – Safe Routes To School (SRTS) project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The objective of this project is to install traffic calming measures to provide more awareness of a school zone, students crossing Commercial Street. The Proposed work includes “bump outs” to reduce crossing distance, improve sidewalks and crosswalks, install new pavement markings and signing, new flashing school zone warning beacons, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), in accordance with current state and federal standards.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Weymouth 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. 608003. 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

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HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E
CHIEF ENGINEER