



# South Hadley – Reconstruction of Main Street

*Design Public Hearing*

South Hadley Public Library | April 23, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Project File No. 608785



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## Agenda

- 01** Introductions
- 02** Public Outreach & Planning
- 03** Project Goals
- 04** Project Scope
- 05** Proposed Design
- 06** Bicyclists & Pedestrians
- 07** Environmental Process
- 08** Traffic Impacts
- 09** Next Steps
- 10** Question & Answer



## Presentation Participants

- **MassDOT Project Manager**
  - Kathy Dougherty, PE
- **MassDOT ROW Agent:**
  - Justin Gilmore
- **Tighe & Bond**
  - Alex Bouthillette, PE
- **Town of South Hadley**
  - Anne Capra – Director of Planning and Conservation



# Public Outreach

- Daily Hampshire Gazette
- Chicopee Herald/Chicopee Reminder
- MassDOT Website
  - Notice and Flyer posted
- MassDOT Social Media
- Town of South Hadley Website



## Design Public Hearing South Hadley – Main Street Reconstruction

### What is happening?

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed improvements associated with the Main Street Reconstruction project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

### How will this affect you?

The purpose of this project is to provide operational and safety improvements to Main Street in Downtown South Hadley and enhance pedestrian and bicycle access along the roadway. The project involves the addition of on-street bicycle lanes from Canal Street to Carew Street and a shared use path from Carew Street to the Chicopee City line. Work will also include sidewalk and curb ramp reconstruction and traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Main Street and Bridge Street (Route 116).

### When

Thursday, April 23, 2026  
6:00 PM

### Where

South Hadley Public Library, Community Room  
2 Canal Street  
South Hadley, MA 01075



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us). Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lawalleo, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 60875**

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## South Hadley Falls Urban Redevelopment & Renewal Plan (2019)

### Recommended Public Improvements:

- Create a gateway approach to South Hadley Falls to improve placemaking
- Upgrade intersections for traffic calming and pedestrian safety
- Sidewalk improvements and mixed-use path
- Streetscape improvements including street trees, seating, and lighting

## South Hadley Master Plan (2020)

### Recommendations:

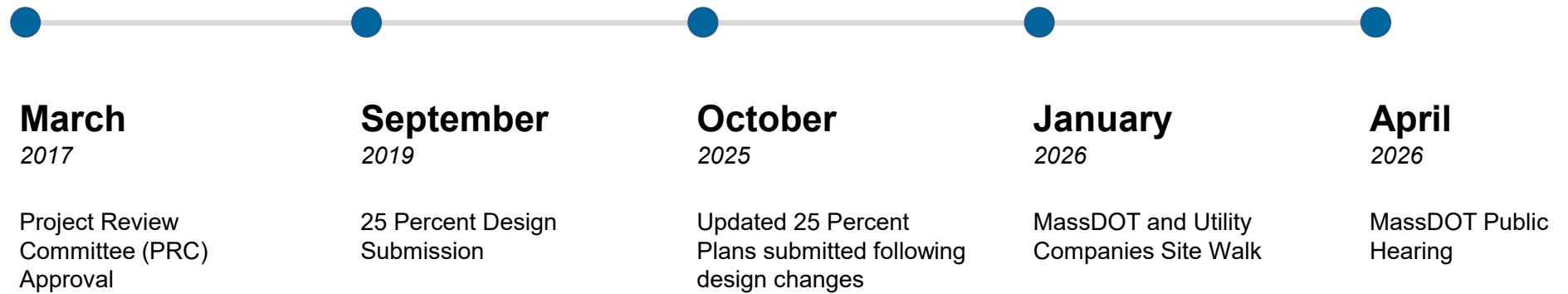
- Support safe and healthy connections within each neighborhood
- Add layer of social infrastructure through street furniture, particularly near multi-modal transportation networks
- Support walking and biking paths to connect housing, services, goods, jobs and open spaces



**Project Limits** From Canal Street to the Chicopee City Line



## How did we get here?





**Why was this  
project  
initiated?**

## Project Goals

- Improve traffic operations and safety for all modes of transportation – including pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit (PVTA)
- Provide a more walkable streetscape and improve connectivity between key locations
- Promote a friendly and inviting downtown environment





**What do we  
want to  
accomplish?**



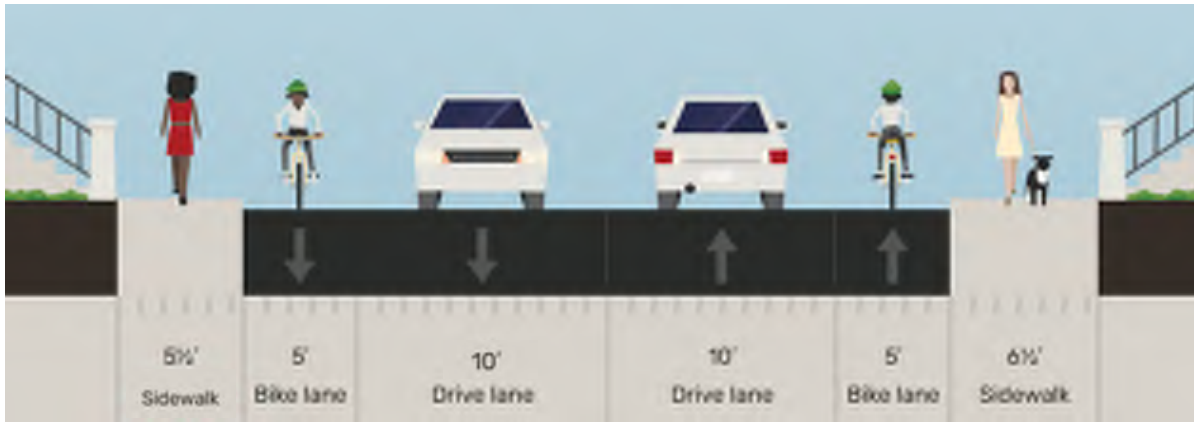
## Project Scope

- Reconstruct intersection of Main Street at Bridge Street (Route 116)
- Shared Use Path to Beachgrounds Park (for both bicyclists and pedestrians)
- Reconstructed sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Roadway resurfacing and full-depth reconstruction
- New pavement markings and signage

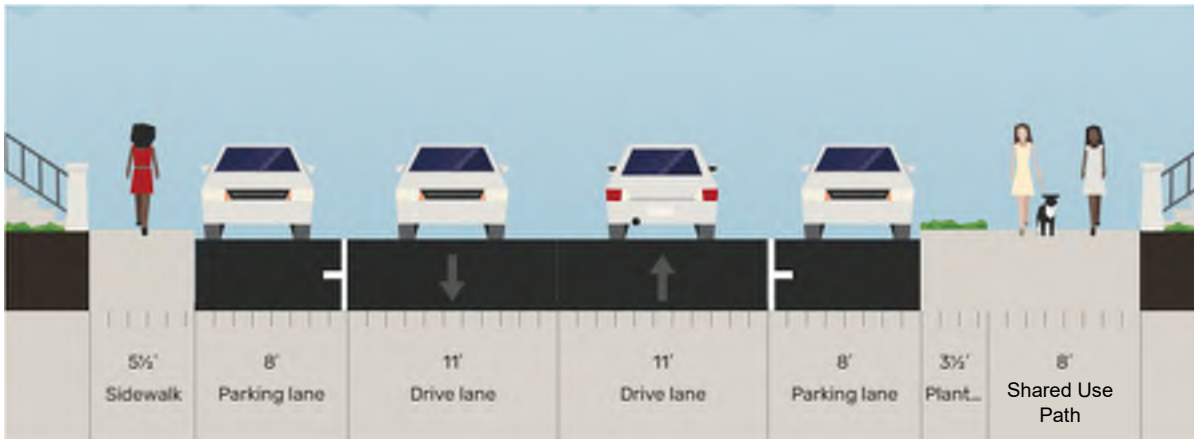


**What is the proposed design?**

## Main Street Cross-Sections



**Proposed Typical Section, Looking East**  
Between Canal Street (Project Start) and  
Carew Street

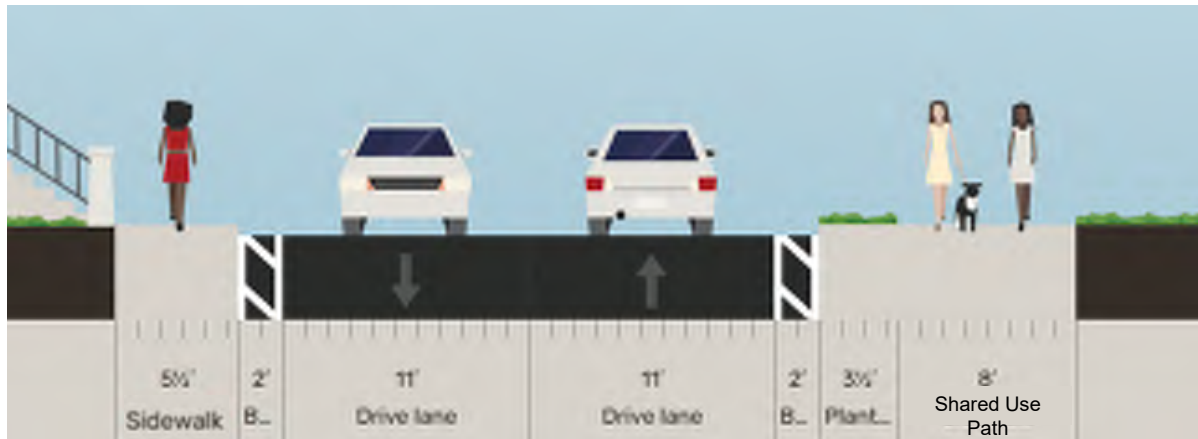


**Proposed Typical Section, Looking East**  
Between Carew Street and Bridge Street

## Main Street Cross-Sections (cont.)

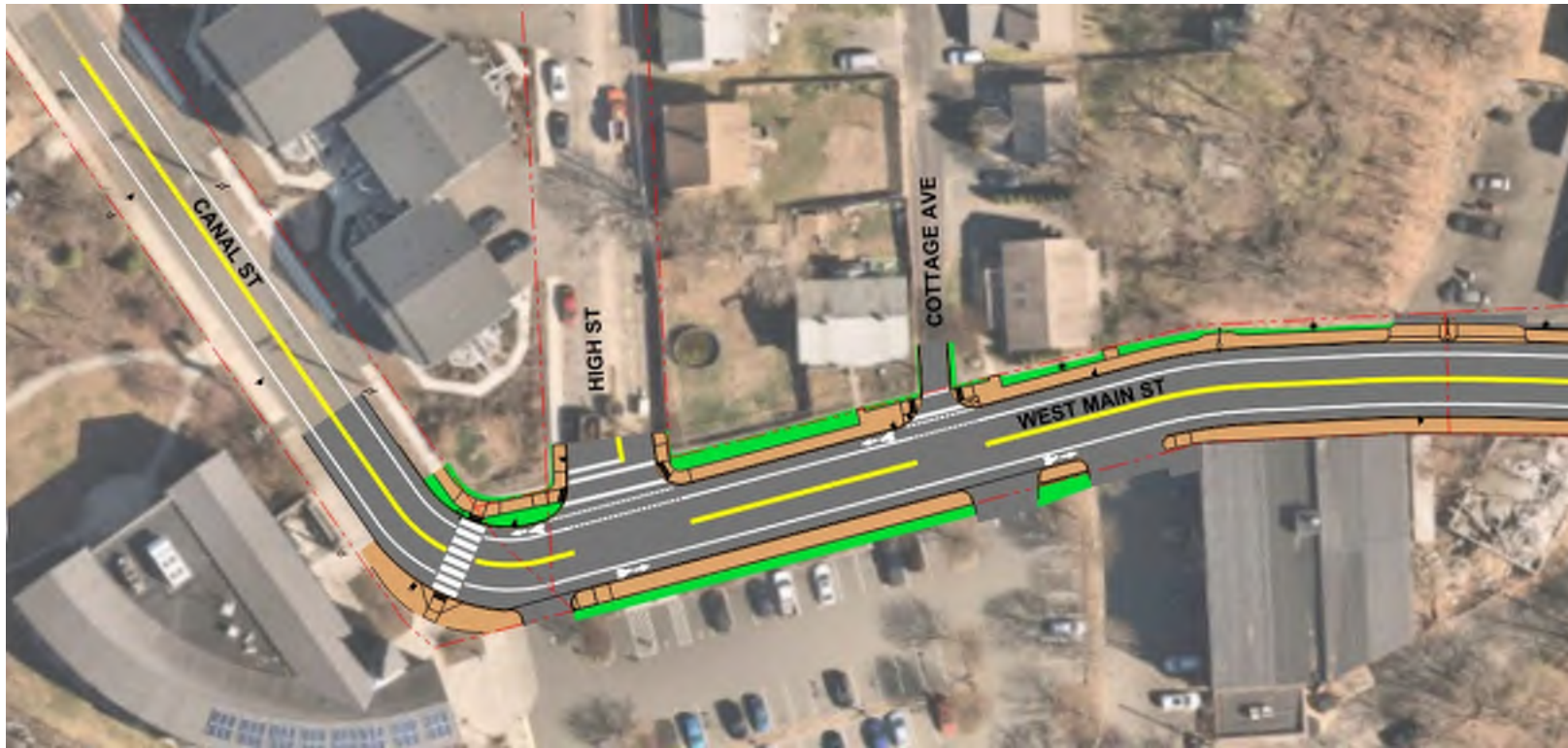


**Proposed Typical Section, Looking East**  
Between Bridge Street and Lamb Street



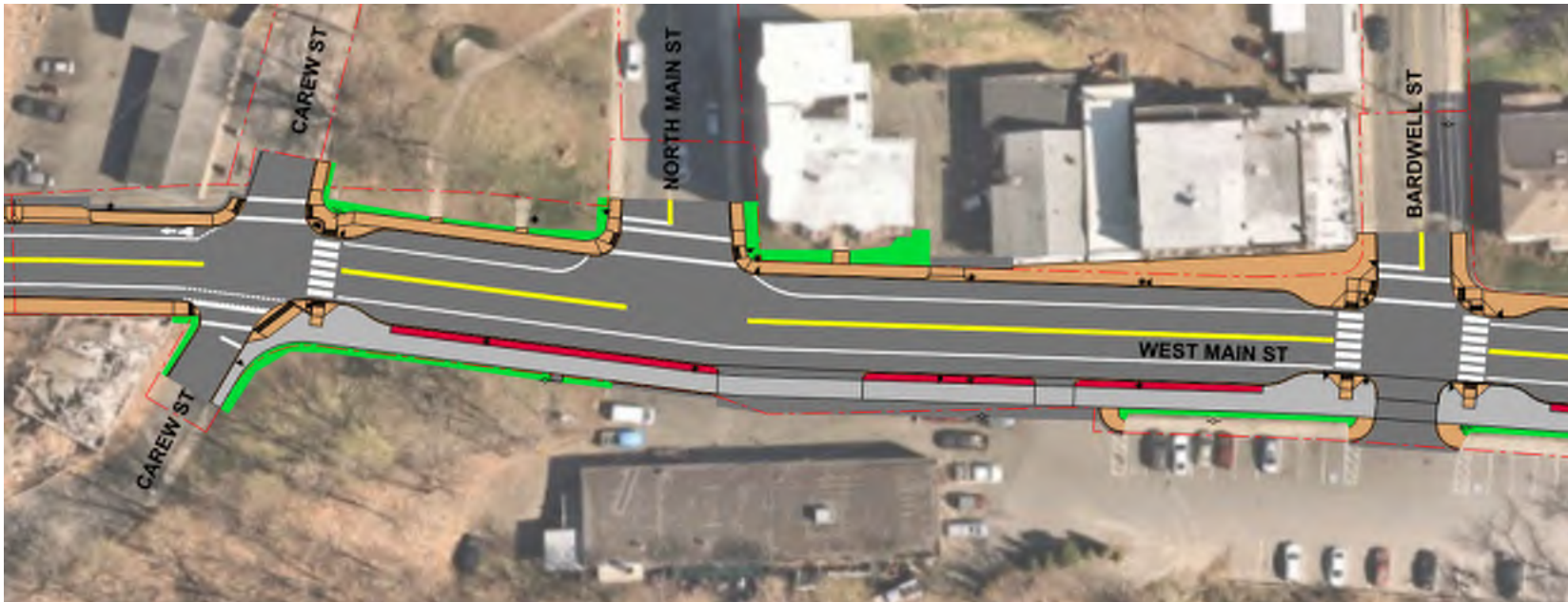
**Proposed Typical Section, Looking East**  
Between Lamb Street and Smith Street  
(Project End)

# Main Street Design



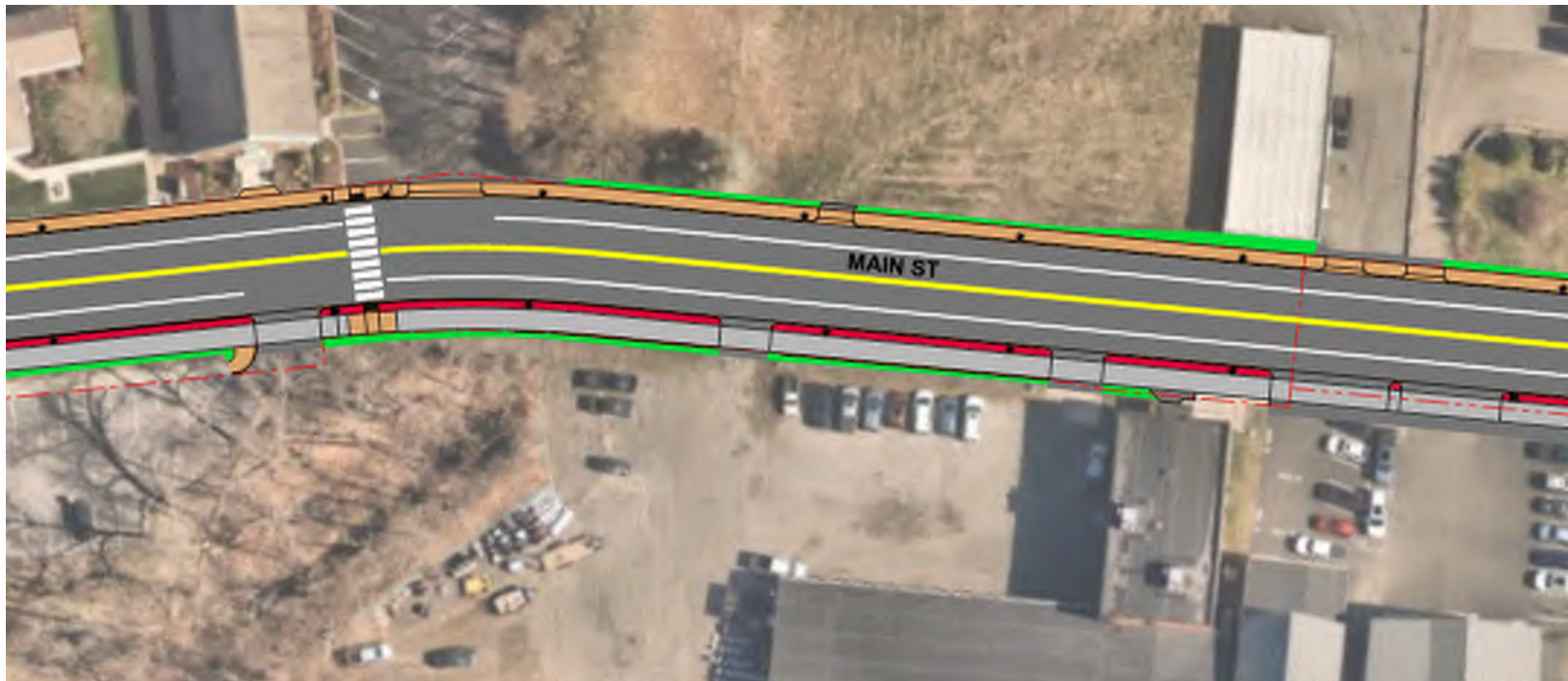
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- GRASS/  
LANDSCAPING
- SIDEWALK  
(5 to 6 feet wide)

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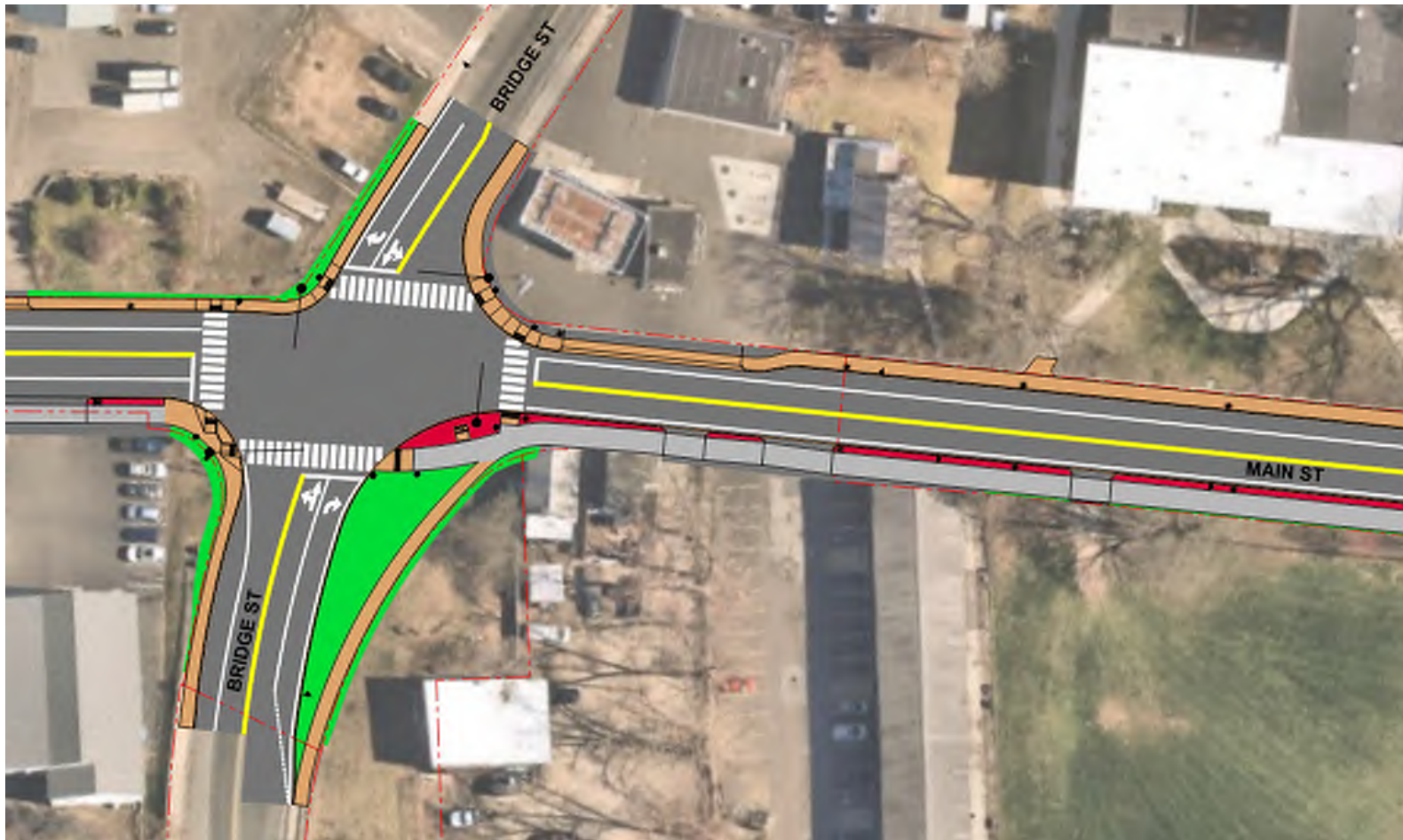
- ROADWAY
- SHARED USE PATH (8 feet wide)
- GRASS/ LANDSCAPING
- SIDEWALK (5 feet wide)
- STAMPED CONCRETE BUFFER (3 feet wide)

## Main Street Design (cont.)



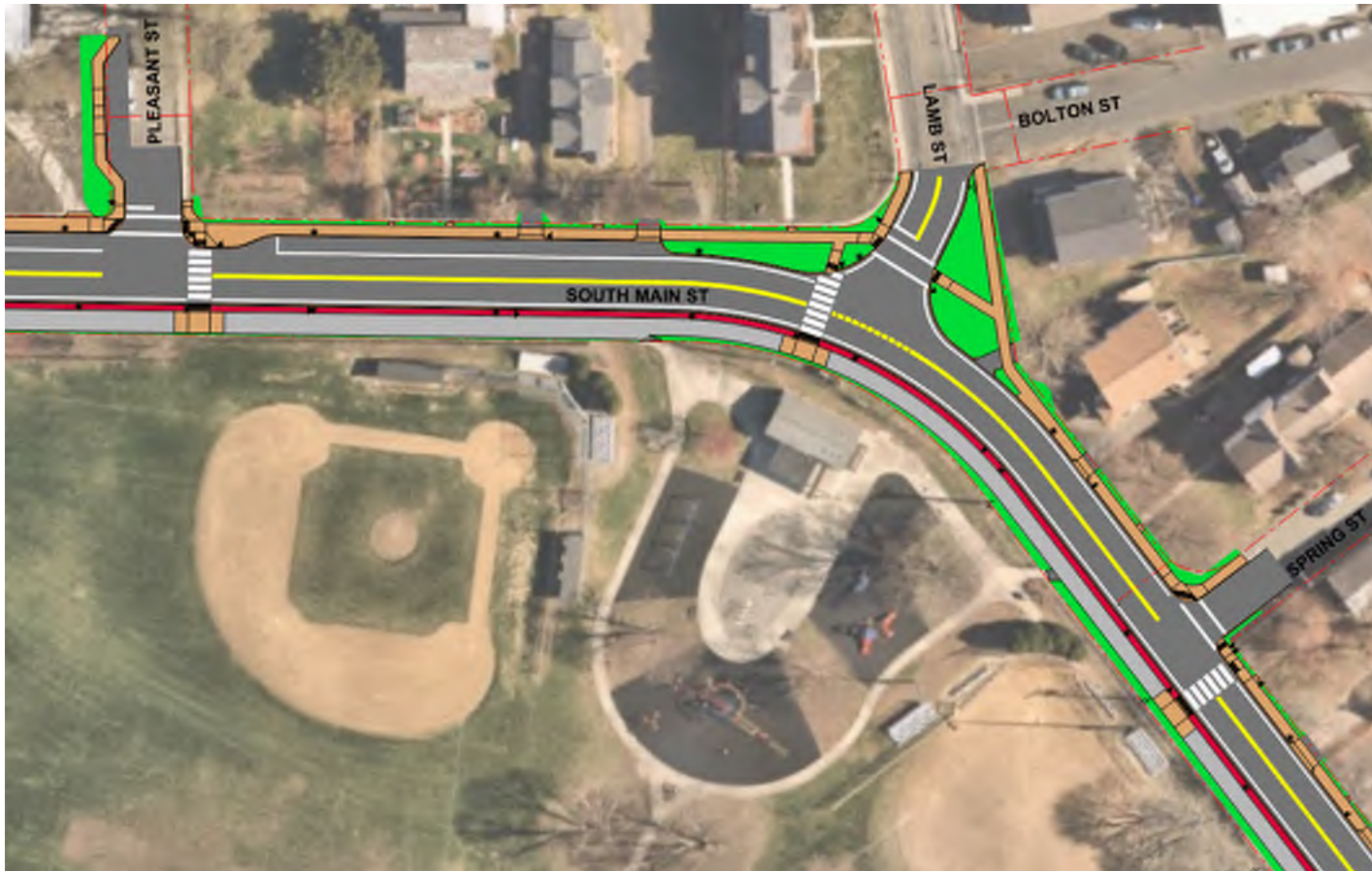
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# Main Street Design (cont.)



- ROADWAY
- SHARED USE PATH (10 feet wide)
- GRASS/ LANDSCAPING
- SIDEWALK (5 feet wide)
- STAMPED CONCRETE BUFFER (3 feet wide)

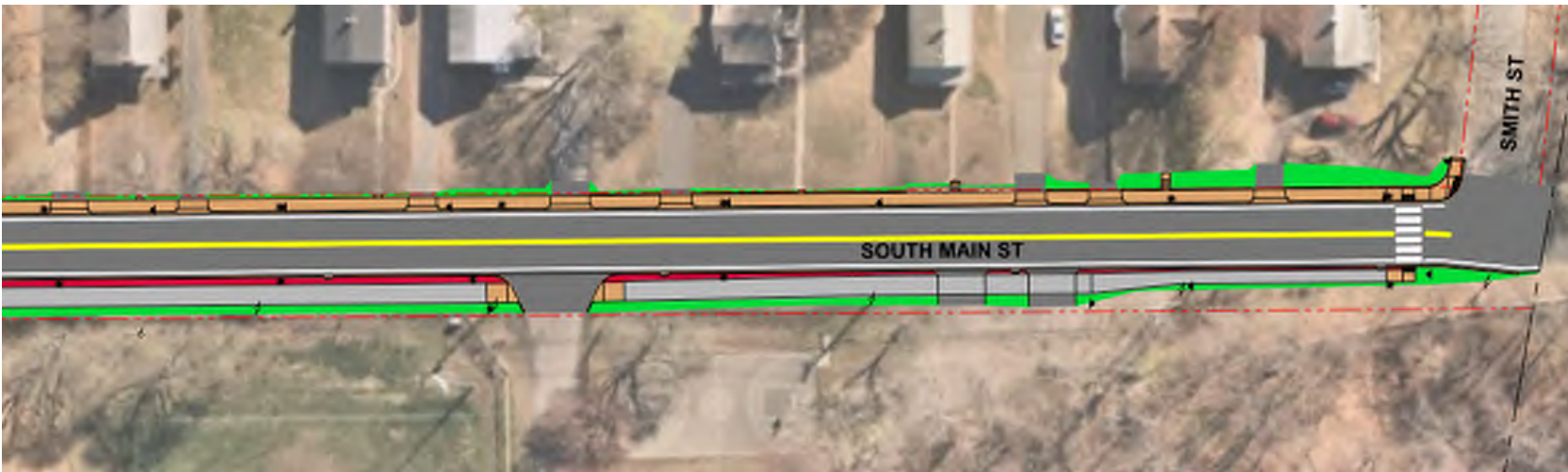
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- SHARED USE PATH (8 to 10 feet wide)
- GRASS/LANDSCAPING
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# Main Street Design (cont.)

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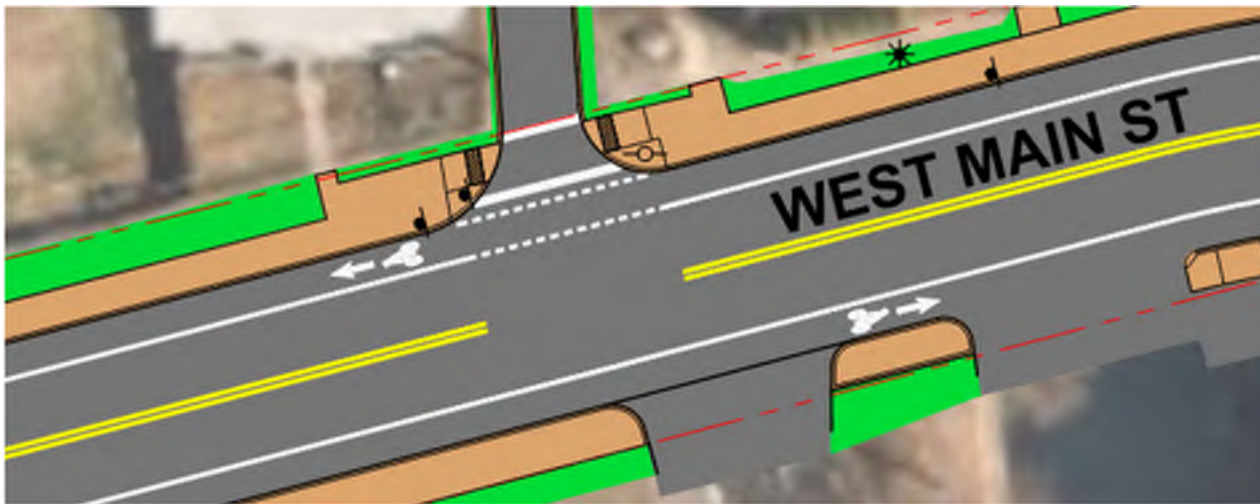




**How will  
bicyclists and  
pedestrians  
be impacted?**

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodations

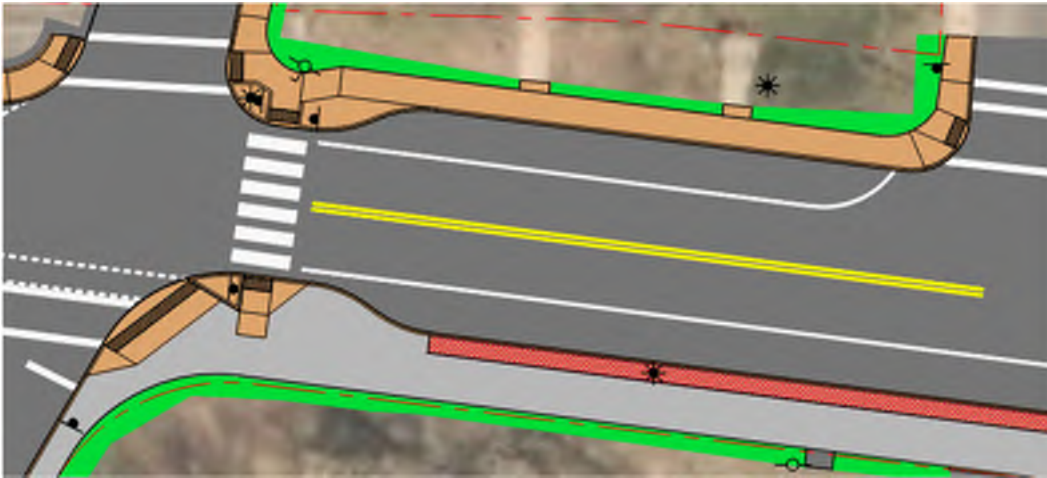
- The proposed design provides new accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists to improve access and safety via:
  - ADA- / PROWAG-compliant sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
  - Marked on-road uni-directional bike lanes



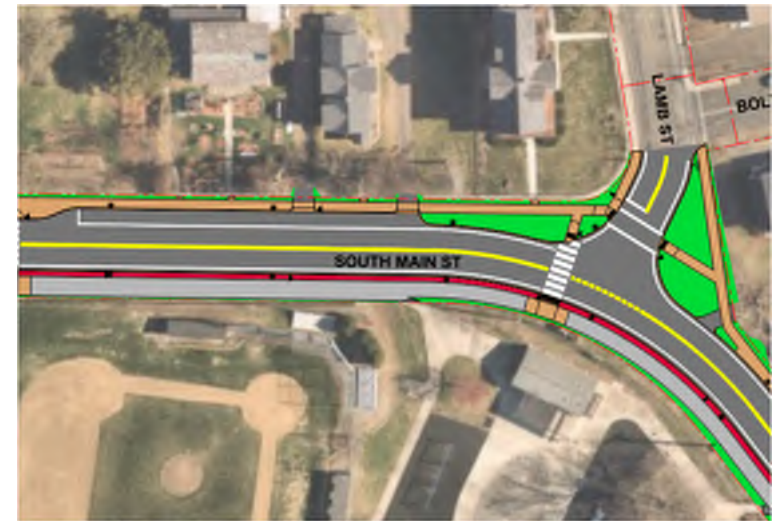
Main Street at Cottage Avenue

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodations (cont.)

- The proposed design provides new accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists to improve access and safety via:
  - Separated bi-directional shared use path (for both bicyclists and pedestrians)



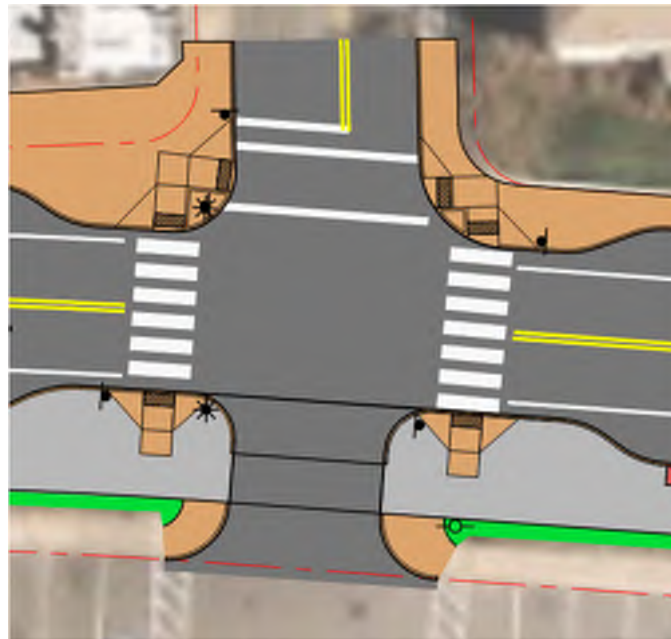
Main Street at Carew Street (left) and North Main Street (right)



Main Street at Beachgrounds Park

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodations (cont.)

- The proposed design provides new accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists to improve access and safety via:
  - Midblock and unsignalized intersection crosswalks shortened via bump outs



Main Street at Bardwell Street



**What are the environmental, cultural resource, and community impacts?**

## Environmental Permits

### Wetlands and Biological Resources:

- Buttery Brook

Will require submission of a Wetlands Protection Act Notice of Intent (NOI) to South Hadley Conservation Commission



Buttery Brook Culvert outlet





**How will the  
road user be  
affected?**

## Traffic Impacts

- Construction is anticipated to occur weekdays from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
- Long-term road closures and detours are not anticipated during regular construction hours for this project.
- Temporary lane closures may be required during off-peak hours.
- Access to businesses and pedestrian travel will be maintained throughout construction.
- MassDOT reviews all Temporary Traffic Control Plans (TTCPs) in accordance with current standards and regulations.



## Our next steps



75% Design Complete  
Summer 2026



100% Design Complete  
Winter 2027



PS&E Submission  
Spring 2027



Advertise for Bids  
Winter 2028



Begin Construction  
Spring 2028  
(3 Year Duration)



**How will your property be impacted?**

## Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion 25% Design Public Hearing

- The Town of South Hadley is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
  - Fee takings, permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the Municipality, MassDOT ROW Bureau, or consultants representing the responsible agency.
  - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.

**At this stage of design, the Right of Way process has not been finalized. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to comment on any impacts to properties.**



**How will we  
keep you  
informed?**

# Handout

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

**Project Description: South Hadley – Main Street Reconstruction**  
**Project File No. 608785**

A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in South Hadley, MA.

**WHERE:** South Hadley Public Library, Community Room  
2 Canal Street  
South Hadley, MA 01075

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed 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 milling, resurfacing, full depth reconstruction, and pavement widening on Main Street in South Hadley from the Chicopee City Line to Canal Street. The work includes signal upgrades, new and reconstructed sidewalks, pedestrian curb ramps, pavement markings, and signage. Bicycle accommodations consisting of 5' bicycle lanes from Canal Street to Canew Street and a shared use path from Canew Street to the Chicopee City Line has been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. The total length of the roadway project is approximately 3,800 feet and is currently programmed for \$10.7 Million.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of South Hadley 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. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [MassDOT.ProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.ProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608785. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is held.

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JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER

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Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E.  
Chief Engineer  
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Boston, MA 02116-3973

**RE: Public Hearing**  
**RECONSTRUCTION OF MAIN STREET**  
**SOUTH HADLEY, MA**  
Project File No. 608785  
Attn: Project Management

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## How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:  
Kathy Dougherty, PE, MassDOT Project Manager  
MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us
- For project information visit the MassDOT Upcoming Events for Highway Division web site at <http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events> or used the QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:  
Carrie Lavallee, PE, Deputy Administrator and Chief Engineer  
MassDOT  
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# *Thank You*

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