



## **MONTAGUE PLANNING & CONSERVATION**

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### **Public Workshop Notice** **Greenfield Road Reconstruction Project # 601657**

A Public Workshop will be held by the Town of Montague and MassDOT to discuss the proposed Reconstruction of a portion of Greenfield Road, specifically the stretch from the Canalside Bike Path in Montague City to Hatchery Road.

**WHERE: Montague Town Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room**  
**One Avenue A Turners Falls, MA**  
**WHEN: Thursday, June 27, at 6:00 PM**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the workshop is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed reconstruction of Greenfield Road. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of replacing the existing pavement, minor roadway widening, intersection improvements, replacement of existing drainage culverts, construction of retaining walls, installation of a new highway guard, and installation of new signs and pavement markings. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a usable shoulder have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. Project plans are available at the Planning & Conservation Office.

**NOTE:** This workshop will only involve discussion about the project area from the Canalside Bike Path to Hatchery Road (Project # 601657). Please see attached map for reference of the area. MassDOT is planning to reconstruct Hatchery Road and the portion of Greenfield Road from The Book Mill to the railroad tracks as two separate projects. The former Greenfield Road bridge over the railroad tracks will be reconstructed as pedestrian/bicycle bridge by the State, also as a separate project. That bridge is slated for 2015 construction. Public Hearings are being planned those respective projects in the near future.

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### **Project Location and Limits:**

The project begins approximately 75 feet north of the existing Franklin County Bikeway and ends approximately 25 feet north of the intersection with Hatchery Road. The attached locus map shows the location of the project.

### **Project Purpose:**

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing severely deteriorated pavement, replace existing substandard highway guard, provide bicycle accommodation, improve sight distance at the Randall Road intersection, and install new pavement markings and signing.

### **Existing Conditions:**

Greenfield Road is a north/south route which links Montague City Road and Montague Center. It is also a means of connecting Route 63 and the Town of Greenfield. The roadway closely parallels the Connecticut River. The roadway is under the jurisdiction of the town of Montague. Greenfield Road is functionally classified as an Urban Minor Arterial north of Randall Road and a Rural Major Collector south of Randall Road. The posted speed limit varies from 25 MPH to 40 MPH throughout the project limits. The project area is rural with predominantly residential uses. There are some limited industrial and agricultural uses as well.

The existing pavement width on Greenfield Road varies from 6.1 meters (20 feet) to 7.9 meters (26 feet). A worn solid white edge line is evident which delineates a variable 0.3 meter (1 foot) to 0.6 meter (2 foot) shoulder. A double yellow centerline runs the length of the project.

The existing stopping sight distance at the Randall Road intersection is 62 meters (205 feet) for vehicles traveling northbound and greater than 152 meters (500 feet) for vehicles traveling southbound. The existing intersection sight distance at the Randall Road intersection is 53 meters (175 feet) for vehicles traveling northbound and greater than 152 meters (500 feet) for vehicles traveling southbound.

### **Proposed Improvements:**

This project is essentially a reconstruction project that will replace the severely deteriorated pavement structure, improve sight distance at Randall Road, improve bicycle accommodations, replace antiquated highway guard, install roadway drainage and replace the existing cross culverts. This will require minor roadway widening, earth excavation, pavement reclamation, full depth hot mix asphalt pavement construction, construction of culverts, closed drainage systems, and drainage swales, wetland replication, construction of retaining walls, installation of guard rail, installation of new pavement markings, and installation of new signs.

### **Drainage Improvements:**

The proposed drainage work includes installation of new cross culverts where required due to roadway widening, and installation of new drainage structures and pipes where required due to roadway widening.

**Traffic Management:**

The proposed construction of the cross culverts will require the use of temporary detours. In addition, the construction of the proposed retaining walls and pavement reclamation may also require temporary detours. Access to abutters will be maintained throughout construction.

**Utilities:**

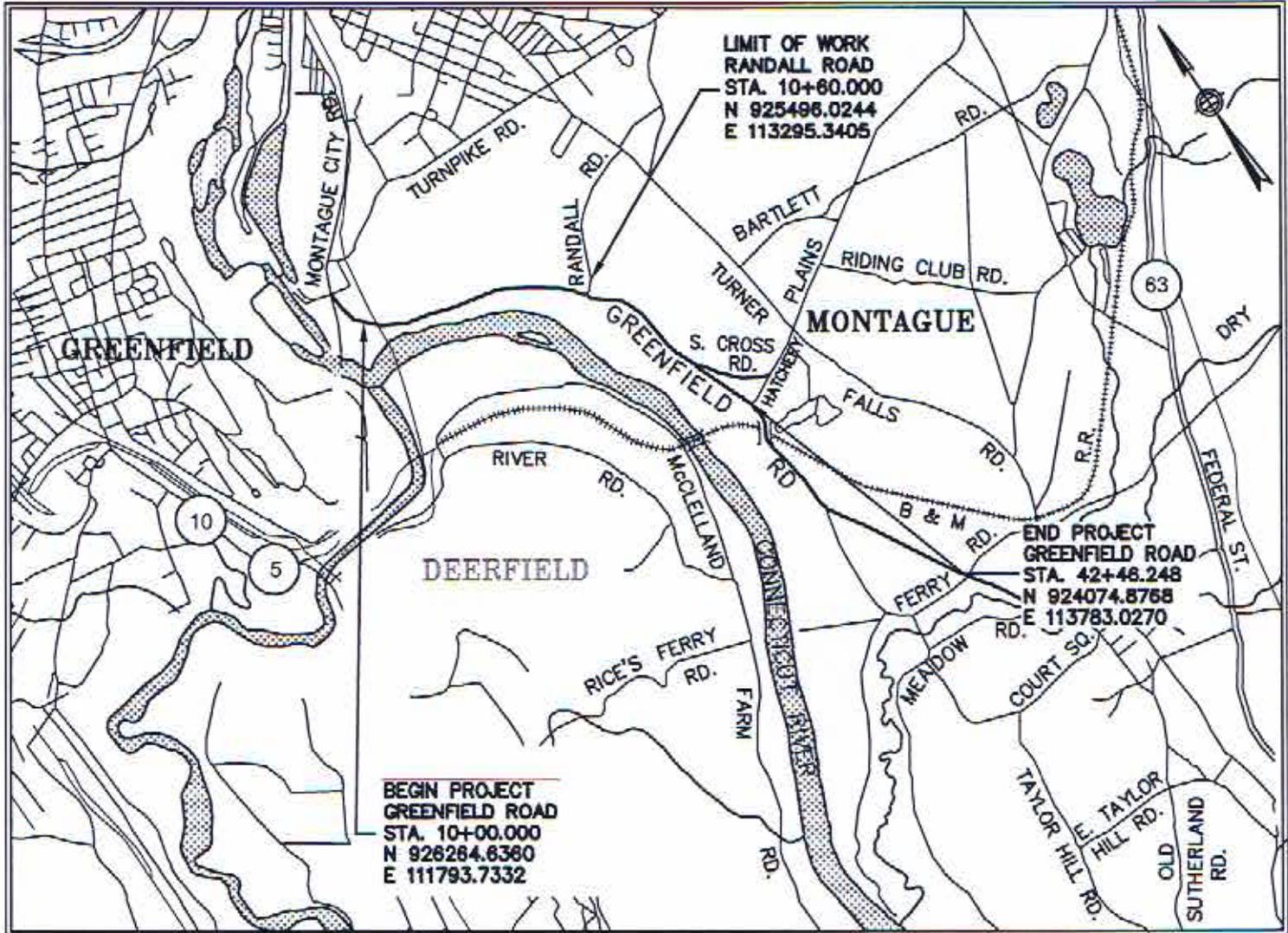
Utility poles shall be relocated to accommodate the proposed roadway widening. Approximately 850 feet of 8 inch sewer main is also proposed for the project.

**Right of Way:**

The Town of Montague shall obtain the necessary rights to access property that is impacted by the construction of the improvements. Permanent right-of-way takings are not anticipated to any private property. A number of permanent easements will be required for proposed drainage, drainage slopes, walls, and highway guard. A number of temporary easements will be required to provide construction access, for reconstruction of driveways, and for wetland replication.

**Project Cost:**

The cost of the proposed reconstruction of Greenfield Road #601657 is approximately \$5,800,000 and will be funded through the Federal Fiscal Years 2014 to 2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the Franklin County Planning Department.



LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1 = 40,000  
(IN METERS)

LENGTH OF PROJECT = 3,246 m = 3.246 km