



Live Virtual Design Public Hearing

611967 Sturbridge/Charlton/East Brookfield

Intersection Improvements on Route 49 at Putnam Road, Walker Pond Road & Route 20

What is happening?

MassDOT is hosting a Virtual Design Hearing to gather public feedback on preliminary design plans to improve vehicle safety at three intersections along Route 49 in the Towns of Sturbridge and Charlton, MA. The proposed project was initiated due to the presence of a Top 200 Statewide Crash Location at Route 49 and Putnam Road. MassDOT will present the preferred 25% Design Plans at a live virtual meeting to hear any concerns or safety-related experiences from local road users at the project area intersections. This feedback may be helpful as the design advances to address safety issues further.

How will this affect you?

The proposed project recommends replacing the existing intersection of Route-49 and Putnam Road with a roundabout and minor roadway improvements at the intersection of Route-49 and Walker Pond and Route-20. Delays during construction are anticipated; no traffic detours are proposed. Construction will not occur during commuting hours to minimize disruption to traffic.

When

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Attend

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Project inquiries may also be emailed to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us. Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 611967**