

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Environmental
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ENF Environmental
Notification Form

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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Reconstruction of Berkshire Mall Drive		
Street: Berkshire Mall Drive		
Municipality: Lanesborough	Watershed: Housatonic	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates: Start: x: 647700 y: 4705636 Finish: x: 644850 y: 4705908	Latitude: 42° 29' 28"N to 42° 29' 36"N Longitude: 73° 12' 51"N to 73° 12' 08"N	
Estimated commencement date: Spring 04	Estimated completion date: Summer 05	
Approximate cost: \$4,320,000	Status of project design: 25 %complete	
Proponent: MassHighway and the Town of Lanesborough		
Street: 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260		
Municipality: Boston	State: MA	Zip Code: 02116
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Grace Arthur		
Firm/Agency: MassHighway	Street: 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260	
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
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| a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres):
 MassHighway - State Funding 100%

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:
 NOI - Lanesborough Conservation Commission, PGPI - ACOE

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superceding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i> See Local and Federal permits previous page
Total site acreage	14.5 acres			
New acres of land altered		2.3 acres		
Acres of impervious area	8.8 acres	2.3 acres	11.1 acres	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		2238 sq ft		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		31 linear ft Bank and 22 square feet LUW		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		None		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	N/A			
Number of housing units	N/A			
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A			
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	4,250	No Change	No Change	
Parking spaces	None	None	None	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	N/A			
GPD water withdrawal	N/A			
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	N/A			
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	N/A			

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify _____) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

The Town of Lanesborough, Massachusetts proposes to make roadway improvements to Berkshire Mall Drive, for the purposes of improving traffic flow and safety. The town is responsible for the project's development, and the Massachusetts Highway Department will fund the project's construction. The reconstruction project begins at the intersection with Route 7 and continues easterly a distance of approximately 3.2 km (2.0 miles), ending at the intersection with Route 8.

The Berkshire Mall Drive corridor is classified under the Federal Aid System as an "Urban Minor Arterial". The roadway carries two lanes of traffic and currently serves approximately 4,250 vehicles per day. The roadway lies within a public right-of-way varying to 18.293 meters (60 feet) in width. There were several alternatives for the positioning of Berkshire Mall Road. Negotiations between the Town of Lanesborough, City of Pittsfield and adjacent private land owners have led to the current alignment. Several areas show shifts to the existing alignment from the existing right-of-way and into the Berkshire Mall Group property. These shifts are the result of the required or proper radii required for the roadway classification and the elimination of permanent impacts to private property on the opposite side of the roadway.

The existing typical roadway section consists of two 3.67-meter (12-foot) travel lanes and two 0.9-meter (3-foot) paved shoulders. An eastbound climbing lane, approximately 800 meters (2,600 feet) in length, and a westbound climbing lane, approximately 900 meters (2,950 feet) in length exist as a traffic aid for both eastbound and westbound vehicles to traverse the 9% grades that approach the high point elevation of the roadway as it traverses Baker Hill. A 26-meter (84-foot) single span concrete box beam bridge carries Berkshire Mall Drive over Partridge Road, a local town road. There are no existing sidewalks, curbs or berms through the corridor. The character of the land adjacent to Berkshire Mall Drive is varied, consisting of stretches of wooded uplands, agricultural lands, commercial development with the Berkshire Mall, and industrial development with the Unistress Corporation.

Berkshire Mall Drive will be widened to provide a uniform paved width of 12.0 meters (39.4 feet). This paved width consists of 3.5-meter (11.5-foot) travel lanes with 2.5-meter (8.2-foot) shoulders. This proposed section meets the MassHighway's minimum roadway section widths criteria for an "Urban Minor Arterial." In areas where a climbing lane is proposed, the roadway will be widened to provide a uniform paved width of 14.2 meters (46.6 feet). The paved width will consist of 3.5-meter (11.5-foot) travel lanes, a 3.5-meter (11.5-foot) climbing lane, with one 2.5-meter (8.2-foot) shoulder adjacent to the travel lane and one 1.2-meter (4-foot) shoulder adjacent to the climbing lane.

The reconstruction will consist of full-depth pavement reconstruction, widening and realignment, bridge modifications, drainage system improvements, bituminous concrete berm construction, new guardrail construction, roadside grading, pavement markings, traffic signing, landscaping, and other incidental work. These improvements will increase the safety conditions along the Berkshire Mall Road corridor.

The project, as proposed, will maintain and improve the existing roadway, resulting in drainage system and roadway safety improvements. The project is classified as a redevelopment project and as such, the project design will improve existing drainage conditions in compliance with Standard 7 of the Department of Environmental Protection's Storm Water Policy.

The project requires an ENF pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MGL c. 30§ 61-62H) and its implementing regulations at 301 CMR 11.03(6)(b) 1.b., where construction includes "widening of an existing roadway by four or more feet for one-half or more miles in length".