



Town of Bridgewater Transportation Committee

July 30, 2025

2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2020, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, and the March 31, 2025, extension granted by Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance is permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. New Business**
 - a) Central Square Common Crosswalks
 - b) New Fire Station - Road Signage & Traffic Markings
 - c) Vernon Street Over Taunton River
- C. Additional Items for Discussion**
- D. Adjournment of Meeting**

FW: Dangerous crosswalks at Common

From Casanova-Davis, Justin <jcasanovadavis@bridgewaterma.org>
Date Mon 7/21/2025 3:19 PM
To McGraw, Joshua <JMCGRAW@bridgewaterma.org>



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From: Casanova-Davis, Justin
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 5:03 PM
To: 'Kathleen Wasik' <katekw85@gmail.com>
Cc: Wahlstrom, Amanda <awahlstrom@bridgewaterma.org>
Subject: RE: Dangerous crosswalks at Common

Hello Kathleen,

I want to acknowledge your email. I understand this has been an issue for some time. I will review with our DPW Director and see what we are doing to resolve this issue/what can be done. Thanks for reaching out. We will follow up. Thanks, and have a good evening.



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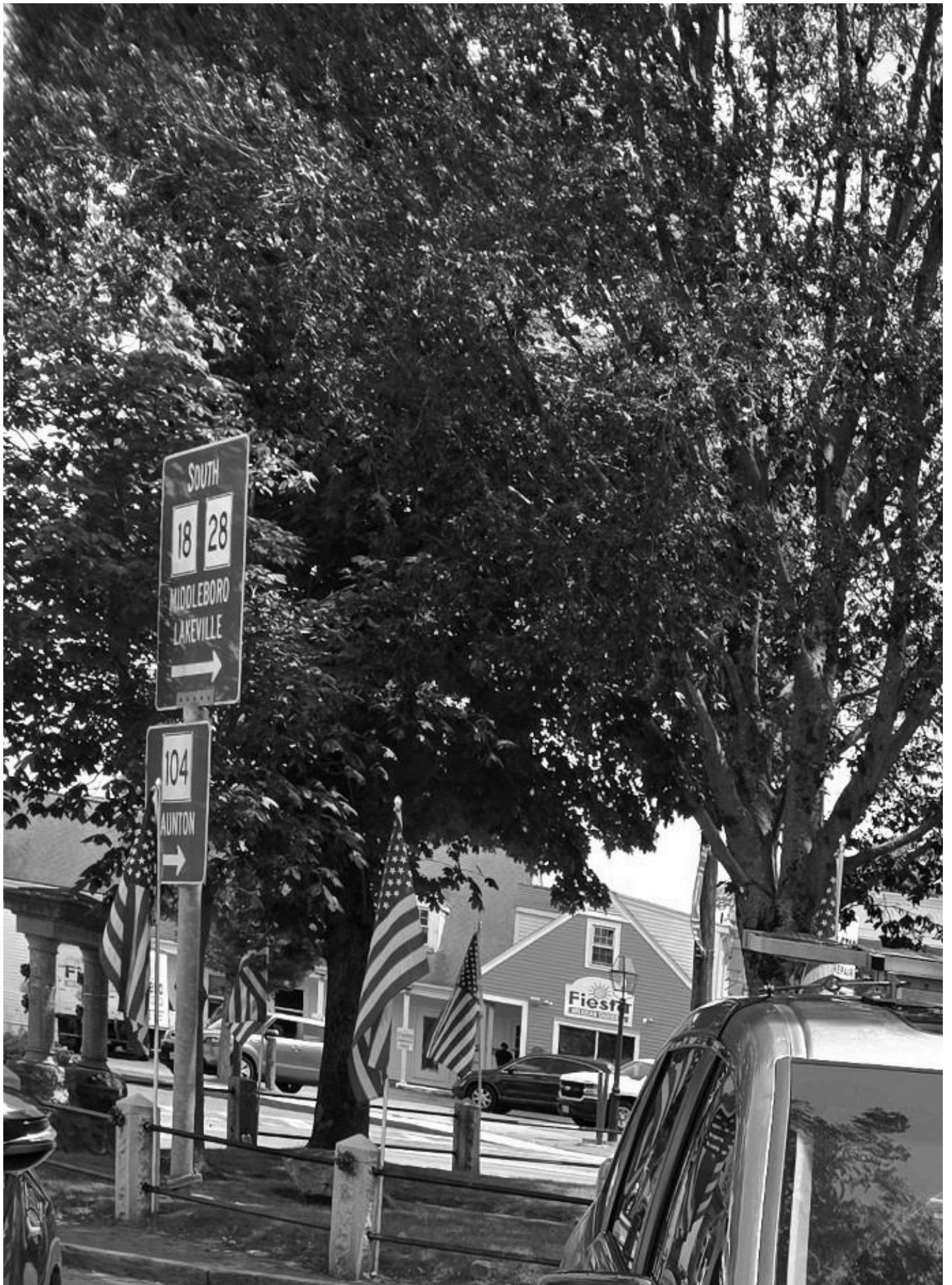
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To Town Manager.

My name is Kathleen Wasik and I have lived and owned a home here since 1976. I have tried to navigate the unbelievably dangerous crosswalks at the common. I frequent the nail salon and coffee shop and when leaving there is a joke. Cars/trucks fly around the corner on right on red. Cars/trucks speed through with total disregard for the crosswalks. Given that someone was killed recently, wouldn't it be prudent to light up the walkways? Because cars and large pickups park along the street, it makes it difficult for oncoming cars and pedestrians to see. And then you have the jerks that park in the crosswalks.

Sincerely
Kathleen Wasik







FW: Vernon Street over Taunton River - Bridge No. B-23-001 - Bridge Rehabilitation Project - Bridgewater Coordination

From Casanova-Davis, Justin <jcasanovadavis@bridgewaterma.org>

Date Tue 7/22/2025 12:15 PM

To McGraw, Joshua <JMCGRAW@bridgewaterma.org>



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From: David Burhans <david.burhans@tylin.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:56 AM

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Excellent, thank you.

We look forward to hearing any input you and your team may have.

Regards,

David Burhans

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Hello David,

I am cc'ing my public safety team on here. I would like them to weigh in and be a part of this discussion. CC'd on this email are our Police and Fire Chief, as well as our DPW Director.



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Hello Mr. Casanova-Davis

TYLin, a civil engineering design firm, has been selected by MassDOT as the design engineers for the subject project. I work for TYLin and am writing to request your assistance in gathering information that is critical to the planning and design of the upcoming bridge project.

As part of the preliminary design process, we are seeking to better understand the existing transportation uses, potential constraints, and potential impacts of the project. We would appreciate any input you could provide.

Potential Detour Routes

One of the primary considerations of the project is to minimize impacts to the community. One potential approach to this is to fully close the bridge and detour traffic during construction. This typically is a disruption to the regular users of the bridge/road but considerably shortens the duration of the project and thus the overall inconvenience. There are two potential detour routes that have been identified.

Option A:

From the north side of the subject project, this route would extend north approximately 0.2 miles along Vernon Street to the intersection with Green Street. It would proceed easterly for 0.3 miles along Green Street. to the Taunton River Bridge (Bridgewater/Middleborough town line). The detour would continue easterly across the bridge. The road name changes to Plymouth Street. The detour continues easterly for 1.3 miles to the intersection of MA-18/MA-28. At this intersection the detour would follow MA-18/MA-28 south for 2.1 miles to the intersection of US-44. The detour would proceed westerly for 1.5 miles. At that point, the detour would turn right onto Richmond Street. Proceeding north on Richmond Street to Popuoy Brook where the road name changes to Vernon Street. The detour continues northerly along Vernon Street for 1.9 miles, to the south side of the subject project.

Notable features:

- **The Green Street / Plymouth Street over Taunton River Bridge is posted for a Weight Limit of 10 Tons.**
- **The Richmond Street/Vernon Street over Poquoy Brook is posted for a Weight Limit of 6 Tons**
- **The total detour length is 7.5 miles /approximately 12 minutes.**

Option B:

From the north side of the subject project, this route would extend north approximately 0.2 miles along Vernon St. to the intersection with Green Street. It would proceed northwesterly for 1.3 miles along Vernon St. to the Spruce St intersection. The detour would turn left and continue in a southwesterly direction along Spruce Street for 0.9 miles. At this point the road name changes to from Spruce Street to Pleasant Street. The detour continues southwesterly along Pleasant Street for 2.4 miles to the intersection with Orchard Street. The detour turns left and continues along Orchard Street for 1.4 miles. At the intersection with US-44 the detour turns left and proceeds easterly along US-44 for 2.6 miles. The detour turns left onto Richmond Street. Proceeding north on Richmond Street to Popuoy Brook where the road name changes to Vernon Street. The detour continues northerly along Vernon Street for 1.9 miles, to the south side of the subject project.

Notable features:

- **The Richmond Street/Vernon Street over Poquoy Brook is posted for a Weight Limit of 6 Tons**
- **The total detour length is 10.8 miles /approximately 19 minutes.**

1. Existing and Potential Development

Are there proposed residential, commercial, or mixed-use developments in the vicinity of the bridge that may affect future vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian use of the bridge?

2. Existing and Potential Bicycle and Pedestrian Routes

There doesn't appear to be any existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities (e.g., designated bike or pedestrian routes, multi-use paths etc.) on or adjacent to Vernon Street or the affected area of the bridge. Can you confirm?

Are there any planned or proposed bicycle and pedestrian routes in the vicinity of the bridge that should be considered as part of the detour, construction planning, and/or future bridge design?

3. Impacts to Emergency Services

Would you prefer to contact emergency services (fire, police, medical) to get their input on the potential detours and/or other limitations, or shall I? If the latter, please provide contact information.

4. Impacts to Public Transportation

Will bus routes or other public transit services be impacted by the full closure of Vernon Street or the associated detour?

5. Other Entities or Stakeholders Impacted by the Road Closure

Are there any other community entities (e.g., schools, businesses, medical facilities) that may be impacted by the road closure and detour routes?

6. General Concerns or Considerations

Do you have any additional concerns or recommendations related to the bridge replacement project that should be considered during the initial design phase?

Is there any additional local knowledge or context regarding traffic patterns, pedestrian activity, or community priorities that would be helpful in the design process?

Are there any significant challenges with either option?

Is one option preferable over the other?

Thank you for your time and any feedback and/or documents which you may be able to provide to help with this project.

Regards,

David Burhans

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