

612540 – TRURO-WELLFLEET - Shared-Use Path Along Route 6 (Outer Cape)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

MassDOT will conduct an alternative analysis and concept level design for a shared use path along Route 6 from the intersection of Route 6 and Main Street in Wellfleet to Shore Road in (Route 6A) in Truro.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SCOPE

The project team shall become familiar with the topographic, environmental and other physical characteristics of the study area. The general location of environmental resources, cultural and historic resources, major topographic features, landscape resources and neighborhood features, and utilities that the proposed transportation facility may affect shall be graphically depicted. The team will also be acquainted with the details of the existing transportation facilities, previous studies, and for collecting necessary data and information.

MassDOT will initiate early coordination with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies to present the proposed project to them, to consider the plans and suggestions of these agencies in the development of the alternatives analysis.

The evaluation of each alternative shall take into account factors affecting construction cost, such as geotechnical issues, construction difficulties, major utilities affected, right of way needs, landscape and environmental impacts, environmental mitigation, and local context. For each endorsed alternative, the evaluation shall consider existing and known future land uses, connections to existing or planned transportation facilities, cultural resources, aesthetics, natural resources, local needs and other factors that may influence the proposed project.

The Team will demonstrate that endorsed alternatives have been investigated to an appropriate level of detail before an alternative is eliminated or advanced to a further level of analysis. The endorsed alternatives shall be developed with a view toward producing a context sensitive project consistent with public safety and the interests of the communities in the project area.

Once preliminary alternatives are developed and endorsed, they will be advanced into preliminary concept development to further refine construction cost, right-of-way requirements and environmental impacts. Conceptual development of the alternatives will include reviewing which side(s) of Route 6 the shared use path is best suited for, the typical cross section, connections to local trails, and shared use path alignment options. Up to three alternatives will be evaluated, one on the east side of Route 6, one on the west side, and a hybrid option with crossings of Route 6 as necessary.