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SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove **BILL No.** 2026-155
Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Shared Streets Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

Summary: This $175,000 grant from MassDOT will help fund the replacement of the Upper Millyard Pedestrian Bridge. Earlier this summer, the bridge was closed following an inspection by structural engineers due to concerns about its condition. Previous engineering inspections had also identified the need for replacement, including a 2024 inspection that recommended the bridge be replaced within two years.

Since the bridge was closed, the City has been working closely with MassDOT to coordinate next steps and move the replacement project forward. This grant will support that ongoing effort and help fund the replacement of the bridge and restoration of this important pedestrian connection. Specifically, this funding will fund surveying, geotechnical exploration, design and environmental permitting.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a Shared Streets Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the amount of $175,000.

Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Phillip Eng, Interim Secretary of Transportation
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Undersecretary and Highway Administrator

MassDOT
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Highway Division

September 14, 2026

Joseph Buckley
Director, Public Works
City of Amesbury
62 Friend Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

Via email: buckleyj@amesburyma.gov

Dear Joseph Buckley:

Thank you for your MassDOT Grant Central Fully Integrated Application submission during the **Fiscal Year 2027 application solicitation**. Your project was considered for funding under the **Shared Streets and Spaces Program**.

I am pleased to notify you that **Amesbury's application for Upper Millyard Pedestrian Bridge Replacement has been awarded for a Design grant in the amount of $175,000.00.**

Awarded municipalities will enter into a contract with MassDOT for the completion of approved work. A member of the Community Grants Group will reach out shortly to gather all necessary information to begin the contracting process. The contract Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued 4 to 6 weeks after all required documentation is provided to MassDOT, and the deadline for all contracted work will be December 31, 2027. MassDOT-funded work may not proceed until the NTP is issued.

This grant award is reimbursement-based, similar to the Chapter 90 Program. Grant recipients may submit reimbursement requests as costs are incurred through MassDOT's Grant Central. Additional information on reimbursement and program requirements is available on the Grant Central portal.

Please email MassDOTSharedStreets@dot.state.ma.us with any questions related to this award. Thank you for your commitment to improving transportation infrastructure. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L. Gulliver
Undersecretary and Highway Administrator

cc: Cassandra Gascon Pounds, Chief of Municipal Aid & Partnerships

Kristen Rebelo, Community Grants Administrator

Exhibit B

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Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Highway Division

State Aid Reimbursable Programs
Preliminary Estimate Form

Municipality: Amesbury

Contract #:

Project Name: Upper Millyard Ped. Bridge Design

Program: Shared Streets and Spaces

Project Location: Amesbury - Upper Millyard - Upstream Pedestrian Bridge (approx. located at 25 Friend Street)

Task No.	Task Description				Total Cost
Task 1	Survey & Flagging				$ 12,500.00
Task 2	Geotechnical Exploration				$ 34,500.00
Task 3	Final Design				$ 88,000.00
Task 4	Environmental Permitting				$ 40,000.00
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Total					$ 175,000.00

When developing cost estimates, municipalities may use the State Aid Reimbursable Programs Estimating Tool (SARPET), which can be found online at www.mass.gov/state-aid-reimbursable-programs-estimating-tool.

Supervisor/Foreman

9/10/2026
Date

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Exhibit A

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Overview

Application Name	Upper Millyard Pedestrian Bridge Repalcement	**Application Status**	Application Selected
Funding Opportunity	AMESBURY - Shared Streets and Spaces Program - 2027	**Applied Date**	9/11/2026, 9:53 AM
Total Score			
MassDOT Designer Requested	No		
Structure Closure/Restriction Duration	Less than one year		
Verified Functional Classification			
Classification Status	No Match Found		
Bridge Tier			
Category	Highway Grants		

Application Information

Municipality and/or RTA	AMESBURY	**Contact**	Joseph Buckley
MassDOT Highway District Number	4		

Project Description

Project Type(s)	Active Transportation and Transit; Bridge or Culvert	**Project Description**	There is a a failed pedestrian bridge over the Powwow in downtown Amesbury, critical to this vibrant community of the city. It is currently closed. The Grant Funds are to be used to fund final design, environmental permitting and construction oversight services for the superstructure replacement of the upstream pedestrian bridge over the Powwow located in the Upper Millyard area.
Project Phase to be funded	Design		
Current project design status	Design not started		
Has engagement for public input &support	Yes		
Collaboration with Municipality/RTA?	No		

Grant Request

Total Project Cost	$175,000.00

Amount requested from MassDOT	$175,000.00

Rights-of-Way

Project include state-owned right-of-way	No
Require to obtain right-of-way/easements	No
Utilities within project right-of-way	No

Environmental Punchlist

Pavement width increase?	No	**Project on a "Scenic Road"?**	No
Alter terrain bank?	No	**Takings Completed?**	Yes
Tree Removal?	No	**Project Notification Form submitted?**	No
Stone wall removal/alter?	No	**Wetland?**	Yes
Parking Lot construction?	No	**DEP Permit?**	Yes
MEPA review thresholds exceeded?	No		

Attestation

Attestation	✓	**Attestant Name**	Joseph Buckley

Active Transpo & Transit- Project Details

ActiveTransp - Travel mode be improved	Pedestrian	**ActiveTransp - Temp./Perm. improve.**	Permanent
		ActiveTransp - Travel mode improved des	
Network gap to be closed after new infra	None	**ActiveTransp - Improv. acc/safety school**	No
ActiveTransp - Desig TopCrash/SafetyCrit	No	**ActiveTransp - Improv. acc/safety senior**	No
ActiveTransp - TopCrash/SafetyCrit Desc			
Complete Streets Training details	no		
Supported by local bike/ped/master plan	No	**Local bike/ped/master plan details**	

Traffic Mitigation Details

Elements proposed in Traffic Mitigation		**Other el. for traffic mitigation details**	
Current state of Traffic signals		**Signals on fixed transit route?**	
Muni own signals/roads within area?		**Signals operate with transit priority?**	
Traffic signal information		**Signals operate with emerg. preemption?**	

Other traffic signal information		**Has traffic signal mgmt/operation system**	
Signals have working vehicle detection?			
When does congestion occur?		**Number of legs in project area**	
Other congestion occasion details		**Average of Max Queue Length (Miles)**	#Error!
Congestion Data avail. Traffic/Safety		**Average of Daily Duration (Minutes)**	#Error!
		Sum of Total Delay (Mi - Min)	0.00
Conducted/Planning for Road Safety Audit		**TrafficMitig - Desig TopCrash/SafetyCrit**	
Project located within 1 mile of school?		**TrafficMitig - TopCrash/SafetyCrit Desc**	

Bridge/Culvert Details

Elements involved in Bridge/Culvert proj	Replacement	**Structure >10ft design obtd Ch.85 review**	Yes
Designer prequal. in Basic Bridge Design			
Structure Number(s), if available	A07035	**Deck Condition (for Small Bridges only)**	1
BIN Number(s), if available	D61	**Substructure Condition (Small Bridges)**	Not applicable
Bridge/Culvert - Roadway Name	the bridge is 20 feet or more from the roadway	**Culvert Condition (for Culverts only)**	
Feature under Road (such as waterway)	Powwow River	**Structure Closed/Posted/Restricted?**	Yes
Road Jurisdiction (city or town road)	Other	**Structurally Deficient**	Yes
Structure Length (feet)	35.00	**Structure condition details**	City consulting Engineer TEC recommend closure, Mass. DOT inspection similar.
Structure Type	Small Bridge		
Structure Year Built (aprox. if unknown)	2000		
Latest Inspection Date (if available)			
Bridge/Culvert - Essen Serv. Roadway Use	N/A	**Bridge/Culvert - Local Econ. Roadway Use**	There are restaurants, commercial properties and dense residential uses in this area with limited or no frontage on a city street where accessing this common area is made possible by this bridge. The area accessed by the bridge supports open/common space and in many ways is the hart of downtown events, commerce and living.
Bridge/Culvert - Emerg Service Road Use	N/A		
Functional Roadway Classification	Other	**Length in Miles of Suitable Detour**	

Road designated Freight or Truck Network	No	**Improvements for pedestrian & bicyclist**	
Road on National Highway System (NHS)	No		
Identified in resiliency/climate change	No	**Has problems result in roadway closure**	No
		Bridge/Culvert - Prob. result in closure	
Environ. cond. of the project location	The goal is to have a neutral effect on the current environmental condition	**Conserv./restor. effort coord. details**	No changes to existing conditions are expected, no change
Biological/ecological benefits details	No changes to existing conditions are expected		

Unpaved Roads Details

Unpaved Roads - Roadway Name		**Roadway Condition**	
Roadway length (miles)			
Roadway width (feet)			
Unpaved Roads - Essen Serv. Roadway Use		**Unpaved Roads - Local Econ. Roadway Use**	
Unpaved Roads - Emerg Service Road Use		**Unpaved Roads - Prob. result in closure**	
Maintain unpaved roads training details			

Equipment/Materials Details

Support leasing or purchasing of equip.?		**Equip/Mater - Travel mode to be improved**	
Purchase/lease new or used equipment?		**Equip/Mater - Travel mode improved des**	
		Equip/Mater - Temp./Perm. improvement	
Equip/Mater - Desig TopCrash/SafetyCrit		**Equip/Mater - Improv. acc/safety senior**	
Equip/Mater - TopCrash/SafetyCrit Desc			
Equip/Mater - Improv. acc/safety school			

Notes Details

Internal Notes	**Notes for Municipality**

Application Scores

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Funding Awards

Upper Millyard Pedestrian Bridge Repalcement Award - Shared Streets and Spaces Program

Contact

Awardee **AMESBURY**

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