

Section 4(f)
De Minimis Impact Determination

for

Pittsfield (MaineDOT WIN 21812.00)
Park Properties

Pittsfield 21812.00
Highway Improvements Project
De minimis Summary

Brief Description for Project

The purpose of the project is to improve vehicular safety, roadside drainage, pedestrian safety, mobility and accessibility along Main Street/Route 11, a major collector road, beginning approximately 380' southwest of McCarthy Street to the Detroit town line in Pittsfield.

The need for this project is due to deficiencies in the road pavement and drainage. Additionally, the existing sidewalks and pedestrian crossings do not provide adequate accessibility in an area with both residences and businesses.

The proposed action is mill and fill of the road surface, drainage improvements, and sidewalk reconstruction of Main Street/Route 11 between McCarthy Street and the Detroit town line. The proposed work would begin at STA 5+15. After a transition from STA 6+00 to STA 7+00, pavement would be milled down to the existing concrete core and replaced with 3" of hot mix asphalt (HMA). Within the boundaries of the historic district located between Franklin Street and Library Street (STA 13+50L to 35+10L & STA 14+10R to 30+45R), the travel lanes would be narrowed from 11' to 10' with 5' shoulders. On the westerly side of the road the asphalt sidewalk would be reconstructed as a 5' American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk with a 2' grass esplanade from the beginning of the project to Somerset Avenue (STA 6+00L to STA 42+50L). The existing grass esplanade would be replaced in-kind. Trees would be removed at STA 15+55L, 15+65L, 16+45L, 21+05R, and 32+00L. Concrete curbing on both sides of the road would be replaced in kind. The side street crossings and tip-downs at Nichols Street, Libby Street, Manson Street, Crosby Street, Library Street, Central Street, Hunnewell Avenue, Easy Street, and Somerset Avenue would be made (ADA) compliant.

From the railroad crossing at STA 36+66 to Madawaska Road (STA 64+00), the roadway and shoulders would be milled and filled at various depths to improve drainage. Slopes in the project area would range from 1.5% to 6%. 45' of new concrete curb and asphalt sidewalk installed at STA 56+75L. Starting at STA 60+75L, 120' of new curb and sidewalk would be installed. The remainder of the sidewalk work between the railroad tracks at STA 36+66 and Somerset Avenue (STA 42+50) will be completed as part of a municipally funded project. From Madawaska Avenue (STA 64+00) to the project end (STA 104+75) 2" of the roadway would be milled and filled. The shoulders would be reconstructed with 18" of coarse aggregate topped with 3" HMA. Drainage along the right side would be a standard open ditch and a combination of shallow ditched and underdrain on the left side. Updated tip-downs and detectable warning fields would be added to all sidewalks.

Use for 4(f) Properties and Impacts

Section 4(f) of the Department for Transportation Act of 1966 and its revisions protects four types of properties; parks, recreation areas, wildlife and water-fowl refuges, and historic sites. Two Section 4(f) properties were found within the project area: historic sites and two parks.

Note – For de minimis impact findings on historic sites, Section 4(f) does not require public notice or opportunity for public review and comment, therefore impacts to historic sites are not discussed within this public comment copy of the de minimis evaluation.

The following section describes 4(f) uses found within the property lines of the park and historic sites. Stationing is provided below for all rights impacts. Figure 1 below pictures the entire project area.

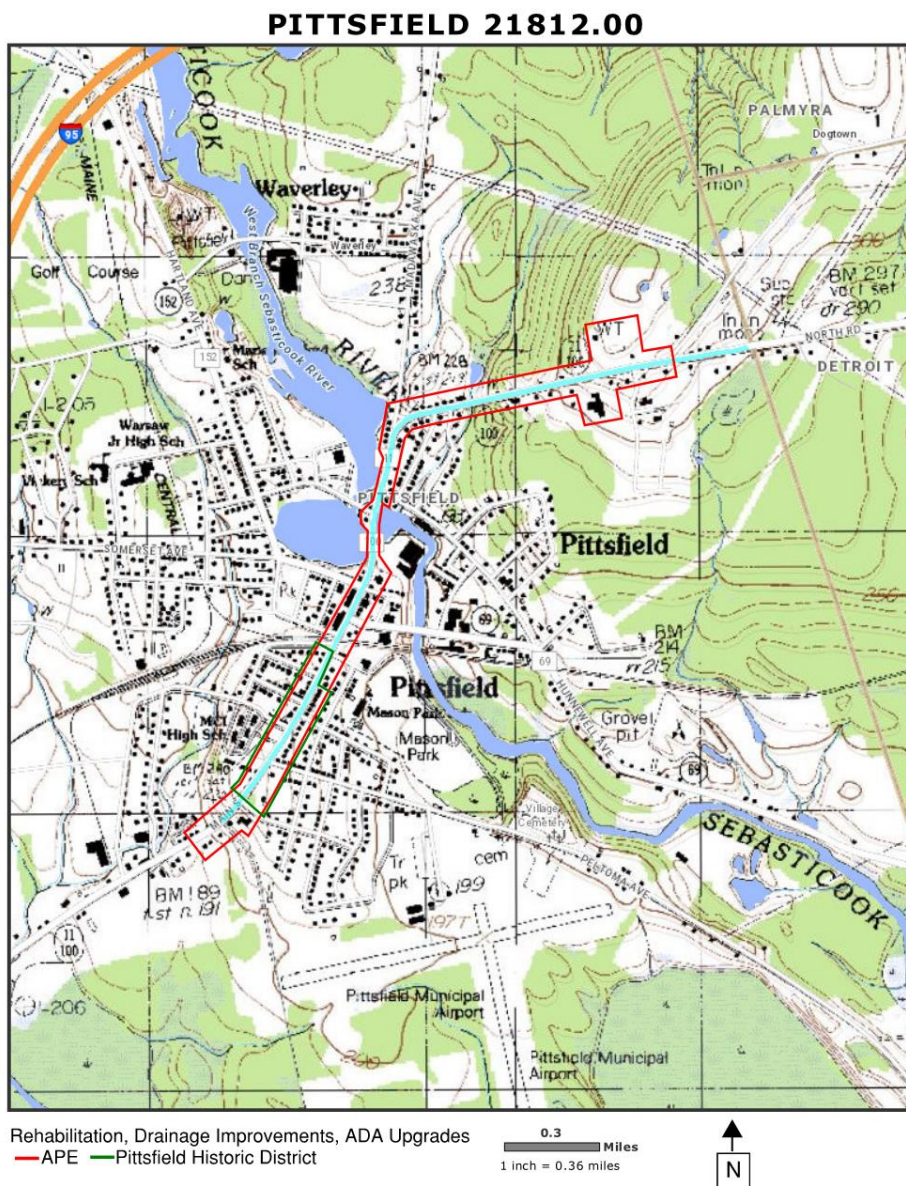


Figure 1: Pittsfield 21812.00 Area of Potential Effect

Historic Sites

Historic sites are not included in this public comment copy of the de minimis evaluation.

Public Parks

The following public parks were found within the project area:

Veteran's Park, Main Street (Inhabitants of the Town of Pittsfield; Sta. 36+60R to Sta. 37+00R)

The proposed action would require the use of approximately 634 SF for a permanent drainage easement at this location.

Remembrance Park, Corner of N. Main Street and Seabiscuit Street (Inhabitants of the Town of Pittsfield; Sta. 52+25L to Sta. 52+75L)

The proposed action would not require temporary or permanent rights at this location.

Recreational Areas

No recreational areas were found within the project area.

Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges

No wildlife and waterfowl refuges were found within the project area.

Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation

The proposed action avoids impacts to the park monuments and features. The proposed action also minimizes effects by loaming and seeding disturbed areas of grass. The entrance path to the park will be returned to its existing condition or better than existing prior to construction commencing.

Analysis

The use of Veteran's Park was found to have a *de minimis* impact due to the project having no adverse effect on the park in accordance with 23 CFR 774. The transportation use of the Section 4(f) property, together with impact avoidance and minimization, does not constitute a net adverse effect to the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the resource for protection under Section 4(f). Measures to avoid and minimize impacts to the park have been undertaken. **[Concurrence with the Town is currently pending and the public comment period is ongoing]**

A *de minimis* summary sheet identifying 4(f) uses and evaluation results for the properties are included below.

Finding

This transportation project is determined to have a *de minimis* impact on the Veteran's Park. **[Concurrence with the Town is currently pending and the public comment period is ongoing].**

Table 1. De Minimis Summary Sheet
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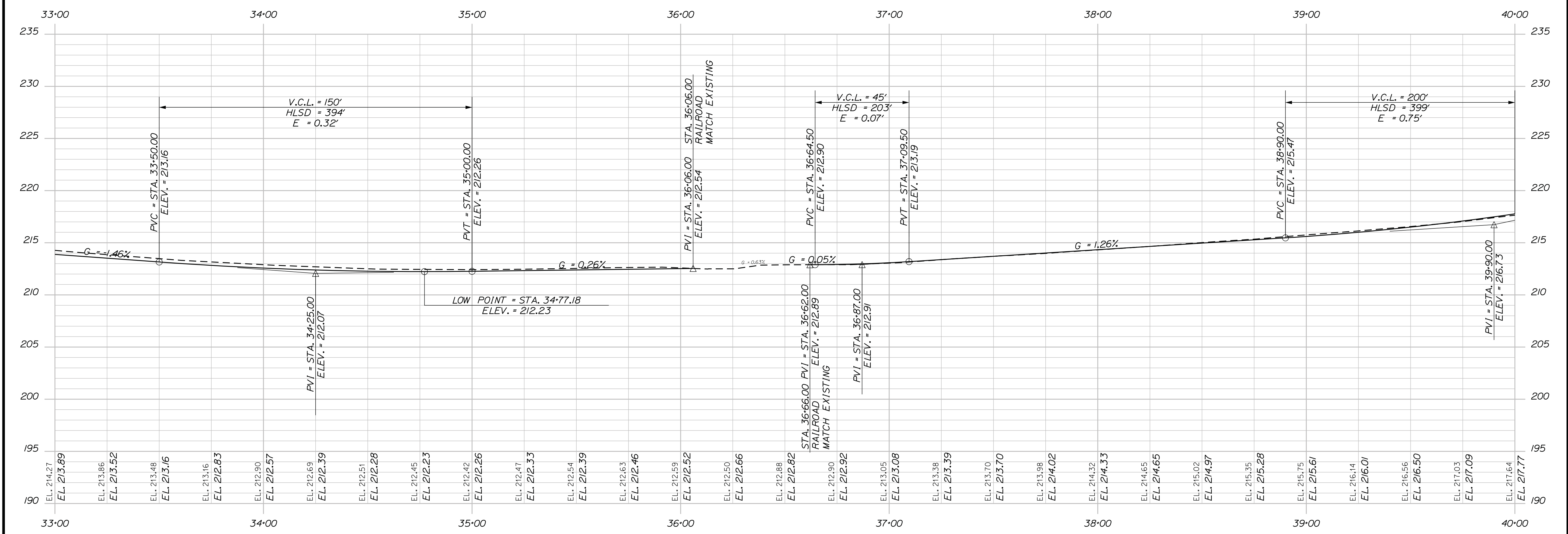
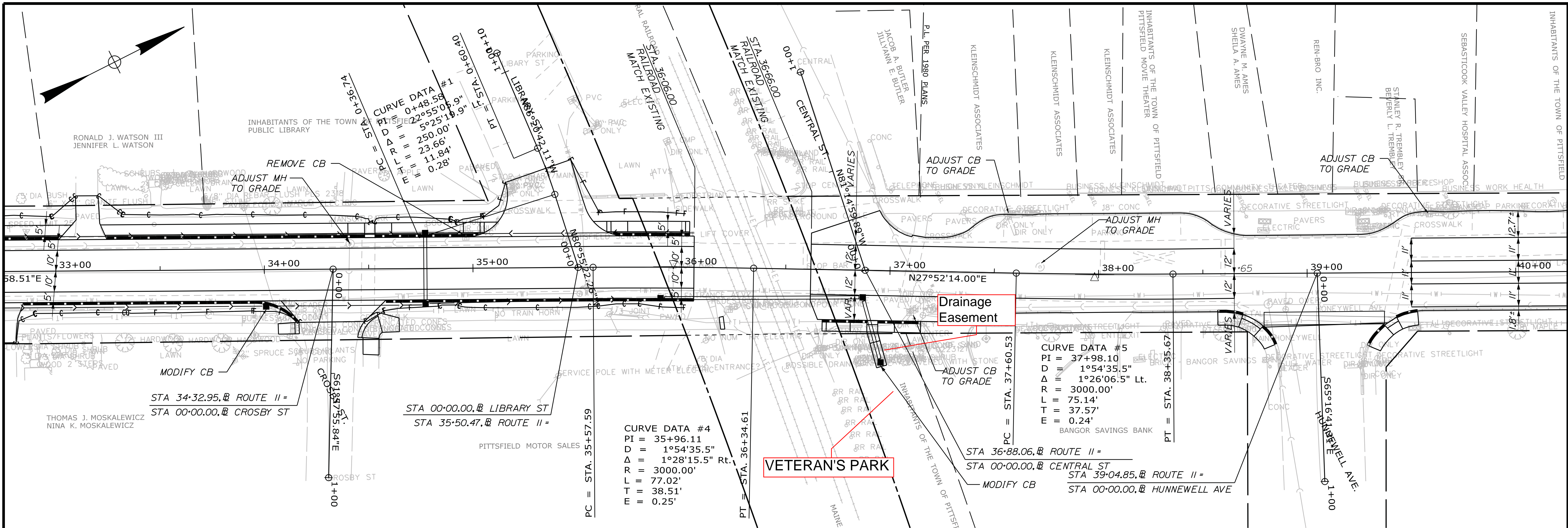
Station	Name	4(f) Use?	4(f) Finding
Sta. 36+60R to Sta. 37+00R	Veteran's Park	Yes, approximately 634 SF for permanent drainage easement	<i>de minimis</i>
Sta. 52+25L to Sta. 52+75L	Remembrance Park	No	<i>No 4(f) impact</i>

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