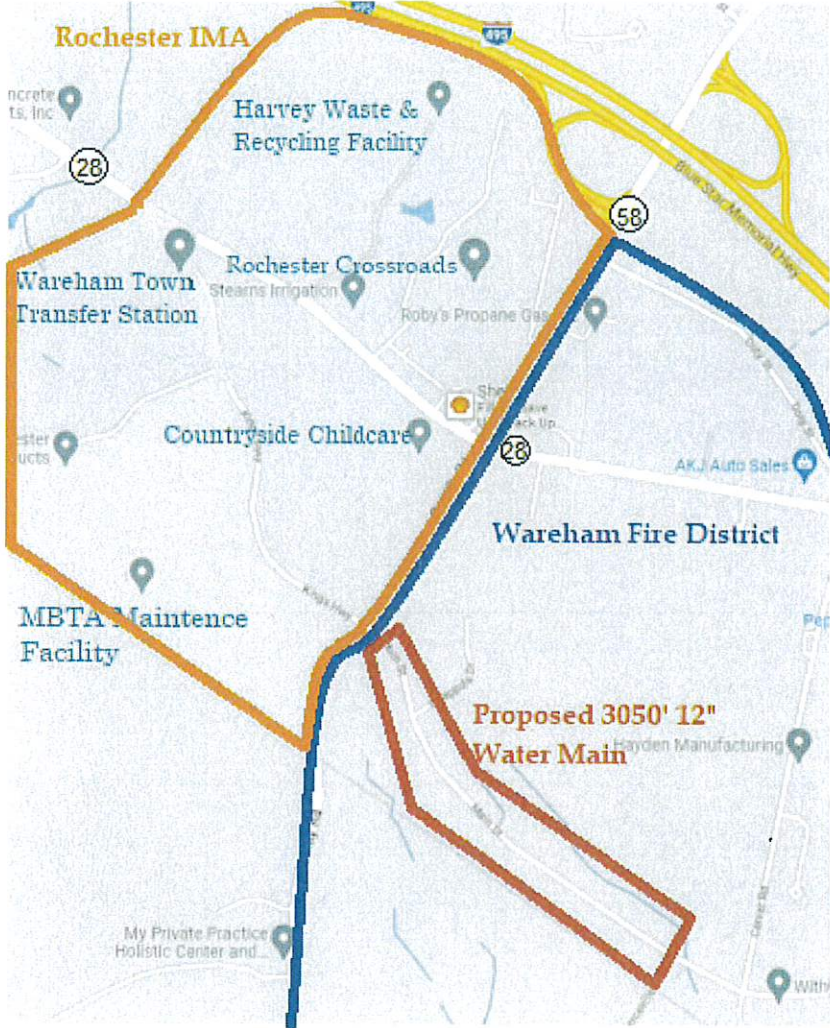


West Wareham Main Street Water Main Project



Above and beyond these fundamental benefits, the project additionally is in a location where the adjacent community of Rochester connects to Wareham. Rochester and Wareham have an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA), wherein Wareham provides Rochester with drinking water. This proposed water main is critical to ensuring sufficient water is delivered to the neighboring community.

This project is progressive in that it works to harness economies of scale. Its helping to establish a regional water system through consolidation of resources. This high impact project will serve both communities of Rochester and Wareham and leverage resources to the maximum extent possible. It additionally will improve the water service connection of a MBTA facility.

Yet another aspect of this high impact project is the existing MBTA facility's expansion that will be completed in FY24, ahead of this proposed water main upgrade. The MBTA facility is located on Kings Highway in Rochester; it serves the Middleborough/Lakeville commuter rail. The MBTA facility services and maintains commuter rail cars here which are used in the transportation corridor that Rochester is an adjacent community to. In FY24 ahead of this proposed project, the MBTA is extending a 12-inch water main on Kings Highway 1,700 feet from County Road to their facility. This is precisely the point (County Road) where Wareham will extend is proposed 3,050 feet of 12-inch and connect to.

In summary, this proposed 3,050 foot 12-inch water main upgrade would ensure that sufficient water will be available to the MBTA facility, residents and businesses in Wareham and Rochester, and therefore that water system resources are optimally consolidated, and economies of scale are leveraged.

A funding request for this project has been submitted in an application for Massachusetts Congressionally Directed Spending for an 80% grant. The Wareham Fire District would be responsible for a 20% cost share. It falls under the Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

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