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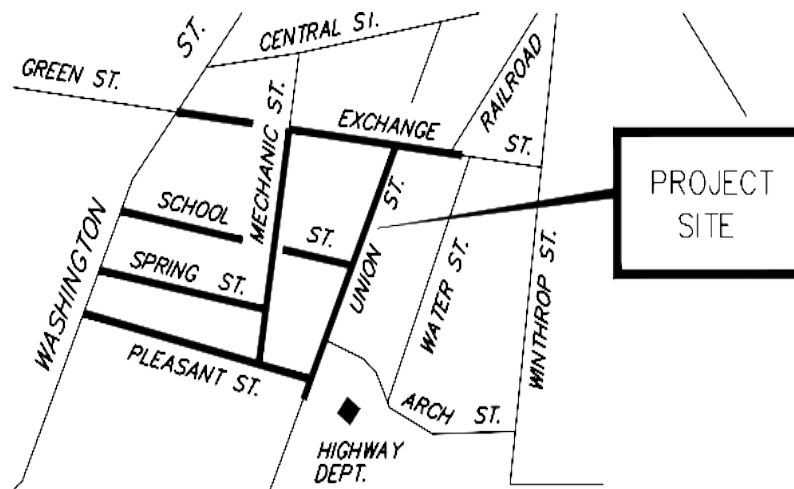
Drainage and Roadway Improvements

To: Residents and Businesses within the Project Area
From: Holliston Highway Division
Date: July 28, 2021

The intent of this notice is to keep you informed regarding the upcoming drainage and roadway improvements project in your neighborhood (Mudville Area). A summary of the important information related to this project is as follow:

A. Project Area / Limit of Work:

The project area includes Exchange Street from Washington Street to Railroad Avenue, School Street, Spring Street, Pleasant Street, Mechanic and Union Streets from Exchange Street to Pleasant Street. A locus map of the project area is presented below:

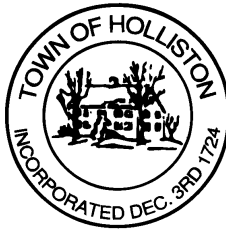


B. Scope of Work:

Main elements of this project include: 1) Upgrading the existing drainage system with additional pipes, catch basins and manholes; 2) Installing new granite curbing; 3) Constructing new sidewalks, wheelchair ramps and crosswalks; and 4) Reconstructing the roadways.

The project will **not** include any widening that may require land taking or any traffic lights. The intent is to improve drainage, install granite curbing and sidewalks without impacting the neighborhood's character. School, Spring, Pleasant, Mechanic and Union Streets will have sidewalk on one side. Exchange Street will have sidewalks on both sides matching the existing locations and limits.

The scope of work necessitates relocation/adjustment of a number of utility poles to the back of new sidewalks. This task will be performed by Verizon / Eversource and is not part of the Contractor's scope of work. It is anticipated that there will be a pause in the construction activities at some point until the utility poles are relocated. However, the intent is for the project site to stay in paved and safe conditions for the duration when Verizon/Eversource is relocating the poles. Completion of work including final restorations will be performed once the poles are relocated.



C. Tentative Schedule:

We anticipate that construction activities will start on or about early August and to continue through November 2021. Activities will resume in Spring 2022 and or once the utility poles are relocated. Work hours will be from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. There will be no work on weekends and holidays, with exception of emergencies, if any. Schedule for pole relocations will be determined by Eversource and Verizon.

D. Construction Disruptions:

Drainage improvements will be the first major task then followed by granite curbing, sidewalks construction and roadway reconstruction. The Contractor may have one or multiple crews working in different streets at any time. Sequence of construction will be determined by the Contractor based on field conditions and its means and methods.

Everyone will be able to access their properties throughout construction. However, construction activities may be in front of some properties for a day or two during drainage work, and a day or two when installing granite curbing. This may limit access to each driveway for a few hours till active construction passes your property. You will notice as the active construction zone moves in the direction of your property. The construction crew will notify you before excavating in front of your driveway so you can move your vehicles. If you plan to use your vehicle that day, we ask that you move it to either side of the active construction area for a few hours.

There is **no** proposed drainage work in Exchange Street between Mechanic Street and Washington Street that may impact businesses. Work will be limited to installation of new granite curbing, reconstruction of sidewalk and roadway.

It is the intent of this project to close the active construction zone and detour the traffic around. Depending upon the location of active construction zone, the access to each street or property may be limited to one side only. Please follow the detour signs and use the side that avoids driving or walking through the active construction zone. In some areas you may experience slight delays to allow time for the crew to move the equipment aside.

Emergency departments, postal service, trash and recycling collection trucks and others can access the neighborhood from either side of the active construction zones.

E. School Buses:

We will notify School Department of this project and will coordinate closely to minimize interruptions once the school is back in session and for duration of construction. The construction crew is aware of the need to allow safe access for children through active construction zone. There will be Police details on site to facilitate safe vehicular and pedestrian movement.

F. Additional Information:

We plan to issue periodic updates on Town of Holliston's website at www.townofholliston.us and may deliver other notices if and when necessary. We recognize the inconvenience and ask for your patience during this project. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Holliston Highway Division (508-429-0615).