

Town of Needham

Downtown Infrastructure Improvement “Streetscape” Project UPDATE

The Town is pleased to announce the commencement of the long-awaited downtown infrastructure improvement (“Streetscape”) project. While the final results of the project will greatly enhance Needham Center for both pedestrians and motorists, it is important that businesses, customers and all visitors to Needham are able to travel through, park, shop and conduct business during all phases of the project.

Project: The Town will be starting the construction of the downtown infrastructure improvement project this summer. The initial phase of the project (Phase 1) will be to improve the traffic signals and the streetscape principally along Great Plain Avenue between the Willet & Chadwick alley way (near Chapel Street) and Dedham Avenue.

Timing: It is anticipated that construction will begin in late July.

Work to be performed: The contractor will be installing the large bases for the traffic signals at the four corners of both intersections (Chapel and Great Plain Avenue, Chestnut and Great Plain Avenue, Dedham Avenue and Great Plain Avenue, and Highland Avenue and Great Plain Avenue). These bases are to be installed below ground. The signals themselves will be installed NEXT summer (2017) after the fourth of July.

Sidewalk work will begin with the sidewalks along Great Plain Avenue across from the Town Common. Work will then move to the sidewalks and corners within the Phase 1 area. It should be noted that parking will be restricted for about three weeks on Great Plain Avenue between Chapel Street and Highland Avenue. The contractor will be working on one side at a time. In addition, two parking spaces on Great Plain Avenue between Chapel Street and the railroad tracks will be restricted for about three weeks. **Access to stores and businesses will be maintained at all times.**

The Town will install signs on the street that advise that “Stores are open during construction” or words to that effect. Although pedestrian traffic may be diverted into the street with a barrier, any work directly in front of a doorway to a place of business will be performed at night so that access can be maintained all day.

Where to park: In addition to signage that the stores are open for business, the Town will be clearly identifying parking spaces which the public can use within the area and a map has been provided on the reverse side of this flyer.

More information: For more information about the on-going work, please contact Steve Nadeau, Town of Needham Contracts Administrator, by phone at (781) 455-7550, or by email: snadeau@needhamma.gov.

2-hour parking available during Downtown Streetscapes

