

Needham-Newton Corridor Project

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

February 3, 2021 | 6:30 PM

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- Please note that you will be automatically muted upon entering the meeting. The meeting will be open to questions and answers at the end of the presentation.
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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Project Team
- **Project Goals and Benefits**
- **Traffic Impacts**
- **Work Hours**
- **Construction Schedule**
- **Questions & Answers**

Project Goals and Benefits

Multimodal Design Approach - Balance needs of **ALL** users

To Improve Pedestrian Accommodations

- Continuous designated sidewalks
- Designated crosswalks



To Provide Bicycle Accommodations

- 5 foot wide raised bike lane
- Shared use path connections



To Improve Traffic Operations/ Safety

- Exclusive turn lanes, two-way left turn lanes
- Protected phasing at signals
- Reduce conflict points



To Improve Transit

- Adjust locations to optimize service (Newton)



How we deliver the project

- Typical Work Shift
 - Mondays through Fridays
 - 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM each day
 - No lane closures during peak traffic hours (6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
- Driveway, pedestrian and bicycle access will be maintained
- Night work for milling & paving operations to minimize traffic impacts – 2 weeks advanced notice will be provided. Work shift 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM, Sunday through Thursday
- Tree trimming and removal for utility relocation will be done throughout the project– a final plan will be developed in coordination with each community and arborists. No trees will be removed before a final plan is approved.

What You Will See – Winter 2021

Construction in the Town of Needham is underway and will continue. Construction in the City of Newton will commence in February 2021. Sequencing and durations are subject to change and are weather dependent.

Utility Work

- Continue installation of new utility poles and wires at back of sidewalk
- This work will be done throughout the entire corridor all of 2021

Roadway Work

Needham - Highland Ave from Webster Street to Hunting Road/Gould Street

- Continue drainage installation and water work
- Underground traffic signal infrastructure installation

Needham - Highland Ave from Wexford Street to Charles River Bridge

- Continue drainage installation and water work
- Underground traffic signal infrastructure installation

Newton - Needham Street from Oak Street/Christina Street to Tower Road

- Drainage installation and water work
- Underground traffic signal infrastructure installation

What You Will See – Spring 2021

Roadway Work

Needham - Highland Ave from Webster Street to Hunting Road/Gould Street

- Complete installation of retaining walls at various locations

Needham - Highland Ave from Wexford Street to Charles River Bridge

- Roadway full depth reconstruction and base paving

Newton - Needham Street from Oak Street/Christina Street to Tower Road

- Installation of retaining wall at Needham/Oak

Newton - Needham Street from Tower Road to Winchester Street

- Drainage installation and water work
- Underground traffic signal infrastructure installation

What You Will See – Summer 2021

Roadway Work

Needham - Highland Ave from Webster Street to Hunting Road/Gould Street

- Pavement milling and placement of hot mix asphalt

Needham - Highland Ave from Wexford Street to Charles River Bridge

- Commence curb & sidewalk reconstruction
- Installation of temporary pavement markings
- Installation of traffic signal foundations

Newton/Needham - Charles River Bridge

- Install electric ductbank and manholes
- Install temporary bridge support system and shielding
- Commence bridge construction

Newton - Needham Street from Tower Road to Winchester Street

- Continue drainage installation and water work
- Underground traffic signal infrastructure installation

Potential Future Impacts/Work

Newton Water Main Replacement

Needham Street/Winchester Street - Oak Street to RTE 9

- MassDOT is currently working with City of Newton to incorporate replacement of deteriorated existing water main
- Work would result in water service disruptions. Contractor will be required to coordinate and provide advanced notice prior to any disruptions.
- Currently evaluating impacts to abutters as well as the MassDOT project
- A public meeting will be scheduled a minimum 30 days in advance of this work commencing.

Your Points of Contact

MassDOT and Project Team

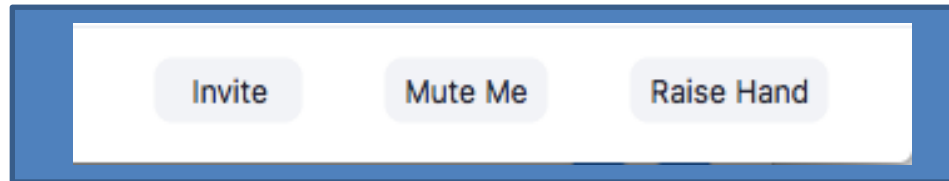
To contact the project team for comments, questions, or concerns, email us at **NeedhamNewtonCorridor@dot.state.ma.us**

To sign up for email updates visit the website at **www.mass.gov/needham-newton-corridor-project**

Questions and Answers

Instructions-

- To comment, please click the **“Participants”** button at the bottom of your screen, then click the **“Raise Hand”** button (see below). Kindly wait for the moderator to recognize and call on you before speaking, you will be unmuted at this time.



- If you prefer to type your question in the Q&A box it will be answered in the order received and read out by the moderator to the project team.
- To ask a question via phone, dial *9 and the moderator will call out the last 4-digits of your phone number and unmute your audio when it is your turn.

Please share only one question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate.

Thank You – Questions and Answers