



Needham-Newton Corridor Project

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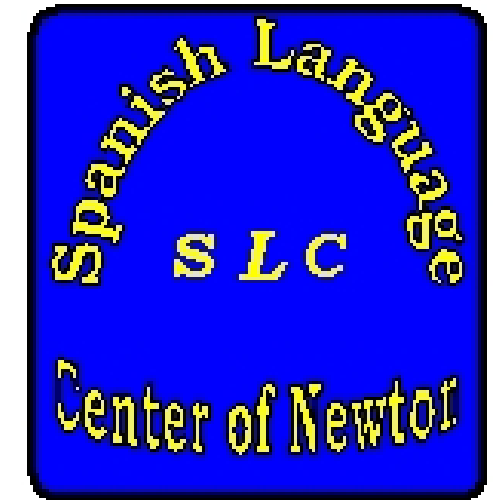
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2. MPO: Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

3. Watertown Registry of Motor Vehicles Service Center

4. Other Outreach (from OPEO Staff Call `

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Spanish Language Center of Newton

TZU CHI Boston Service Center



Spanish in Motion

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- 5. Other Outreach Continued (from OPEO Staff Calls)
- Needham – MetroWest Center for Independent Living
- Needham – Council on Aging
- Needham / Newton – Commission on Disability
- Needham / Newton – Public Library
- Newton - Boston Center for Independent Living
- Newton – Senior Services
- Newton -Veteran Services



Agenda

- 00** Welcome and Introductions
- 01** Recap Project Goals and Benefits
- 02** Progress Update
- 03** Upcoming Work
- 04** Questions & Answers



**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Project Description

The Needham-Newton Corridor Project is utilizing a **multimodal design approach** to improve conditions for all users

The Project limits extend from the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street in Needham to the intersection of Winchester Street and Route 9 in Newton



Rendering of improvements to Needham Street in Newton

Project Goals and Benefits



- 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



- To Improve Transit
 - Adjust locations to optimize service (Newton)



**How will the
road user be
affected?**

What is Happening Now?

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)

When necessary, night work is typically performed from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM, Sunday through Thursday

Additional night work for milling, paving operations and Bridge reconstruction will be necessary

- 2 weeks advanced notice will be provided before this work begins
- Night work is necessary to lessen roadway impacts during peak traffic hours

Driveway, pedestrian and bicycle access will be maintained at all times

Sequencing and durations are subject to change and are weather dependent.



How has
construction
progressed?

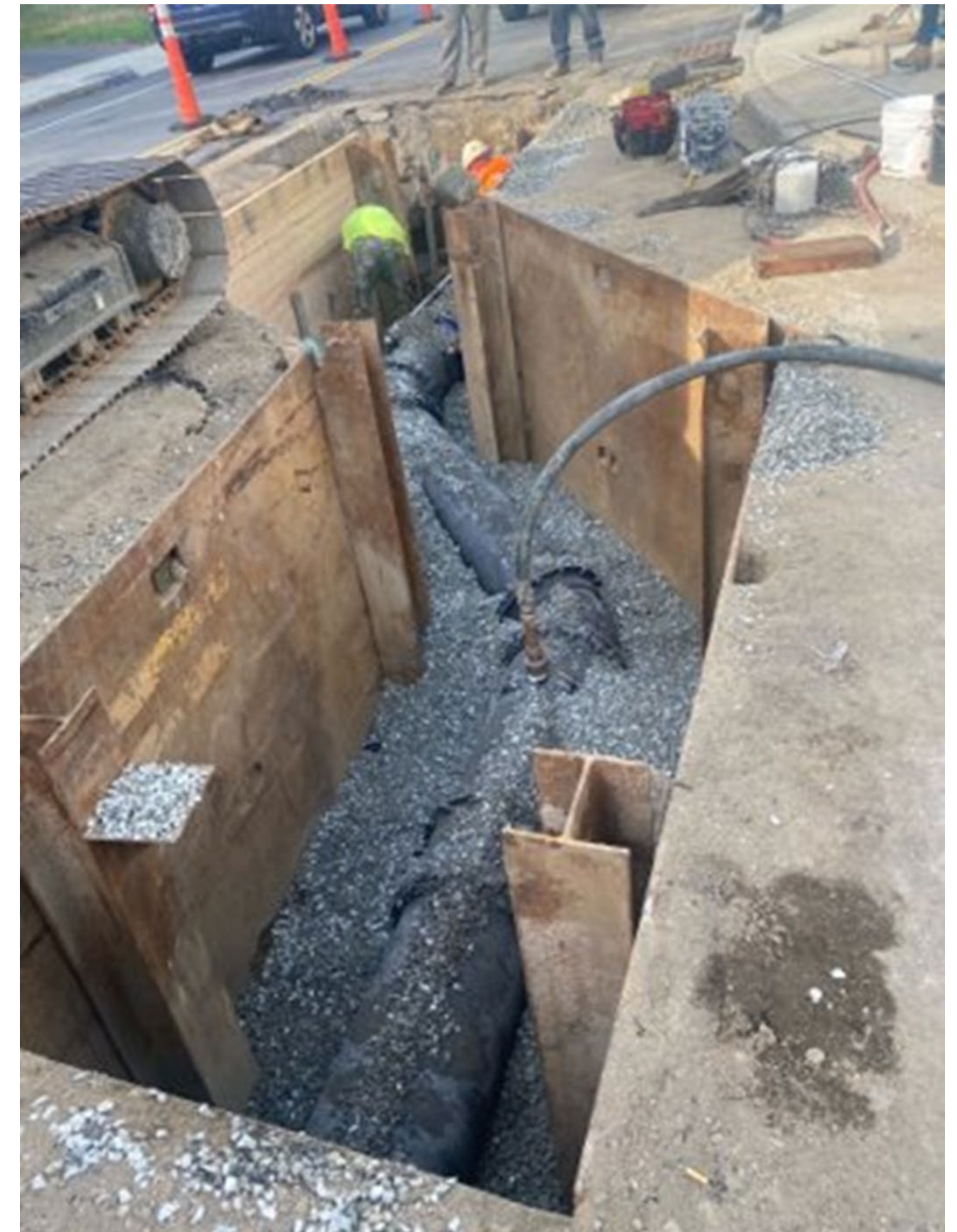
Progress To Date: Overall Corridor

Utility Work

- Utility relocations, including conduits and poles, is ongoing
 - 60% of all overhead and underground utility relocations have been completed
- Water main replacement requested by the City of Newton is complete
 - 5300 feet of 20-inch water main and services have been installed
 - Drainage work throughout the corridor is 100% complete

Roadway Work

- 5 retaining walls necessary to complete the project have been installed, which is 70% of all retaining walls for the project



Progress To Date in Needham

Highland Ave from Webster Street to Hunting Road and Gould Street

- Installation of curbs and sidewalks are 99% complete
- Traffic signal infrastructure installation is 100% complete
- Drainage work is complete



Highland Ave from Wexford Street to Bridge over Charles River

- Full depth road reconstruction is complete and the first two course of paving have been installed
- Traffic signal infrastructure installation is 95% complete
- Drainage work is complete



Progress To Date in Newton

Needham Street from Oak Street and Christina Street to Route 9

- Drainage installation and water work is complete
- Underground traffic signal infrastructure installation is 50% complete

Bridge over Charles River

- Utility duct bank relocations have been completed
- Temporary Support System installation is 100% complete
- Phase I reconstruction on the east side of the bridge is 70% complete



What You Will See: Spring 2023

- Utility work for overhead wire relocation to new utility poles
- Complete paving and install pavement markings and signage from Wexford Street to the Bridge over the Charles River
- Full depth roadway reconstruction and paving along Winchester Street from Curtis Street to the project limit at Centre Street
- Begin installation of curb and sidewalks on Winchester Street from Needham Street to the project limit at Centre Street
- Continue reconstruction work on the Bridge over the Charles River

What You Will See: Summer and Fall 2023

- Utility work for overhead wire relocation to new utility poles
- Full depth roadway reconstruction and paving work along Needham Street from Columbia Avenue to Winchester Street
- Curb and sidewalk reconstruction along Needham Street from Columbia Avenue to Winchester Street
- Reconstruction work on the Bridge over the Charles River is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

Coordination with Businesses

- The contractor will meet individually with businesses in advance of any disruptive work in the area
- MassDOT can provide signs for businesses to indicate they are open during construction



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

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www.mass.gov/needham-newton-corridor-project

Contact local district office – 857-368-6100





Questions and discussion

Questions and Answers



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions (Alt + Y if using a phone)



- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button



- Please state your name before your question



- Please share only 1 question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate



- 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 take a few minutes to complete the survey after the meeting to let us know how your experience was with this virtual meeting

All questions and comments are subject to disclosure for public records. Please use these functions for project related business only.

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