

May, 24, 2013

## **Construction Begins Scott Street & Irving Street**

Dear Neighbor,

The City of Cambridge has awarded a contract for the reconstruction of Scott Street and Irving Street to Tasco Corp, who is scheduled to begin construction within the next few weeks. The design was completed in close collaboration with residents, the Community Development Department, and the Department of Public Works. New sidewalks are included in the scope of work on Scott and Irving Streets. **We kindly ask that you please complete the Sidewalk Material Selection Form (attached). This form should be submitted no later than June 10, 2013.**

NStar Gas crews are currently in the area upgrading service lines and are expected to be there for 2-4 weeks. This work needs to be completed before the City's contractor mobilizes. NStar will reach out directly to property owners, should they need to schedule a service disruption or to access private property. You will receive a separate notice from the Department of Publics Works, once Tasco Construction begins to mobilize to Scott and Irving Street. Please see below to view the project scope, as well as resources to receive information and assistance during construction.

### **Project Scope**

#### **Traffic Calming Improvements (see attached plan for details):**

- Scott / Irving / Farrar Intersection
  - Raised intersection, squared off corners, and addition of two green spaces for plantings
- Irving / Kirkland Intersection
  - Narrow Irving St at Kirkland St to match the rest of Irving Street, new crosswalk across Kirkland St, curb extensions, and addition of green space for planting.

#### **Sidewalk Reconstruction and Roadway Paving:**

- Irving St between Kirkland and Scott St
- Scott St between Irving St and Bryant St

#### **Utilities:**

- Scott St between Irving St and Bryant St
  - A new water main and a new drain line.

### **For Information and Assistance During Construction**

A project website has been set up at <http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects.aspx>, which will have project information and updates. To sign up to receive email updates as the project moves forward, or if you need to arrange an accommodation or continuation of special services for anyone with a disability or special need, please contact Chris Neil, Community Relations Manager at 617.349.4825 or [cneil@cambridgema.gov](mailto:cneil@cambridgema.gov).

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this construction. We hope you enjoy the improvements once they are completed.

Sincerely,

Chris Neil  
Community Relations Manager



# PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS

SCOTT AND IRVING STREETS



### Sidewalk Material Selection Form

It is the City’s policy to replace existing sidewalks with the same material (concrete with concrete, brick with wire cut brick). However, during this project, homeowners will have the option of changing their sidewalk material as described in this form. In considering the options for sidewalk materials, please be informed that concrete is the material most frequently used in the city and provides a relatively inexpensive, durable and easy to maintain accessible sidewalk.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to have sidewalk replaced (if different from above):

\_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Telephone Number

Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the material of your choice:

- Replace existing concrete sidewalk with wire cut brick at \$135 per square yard\*\*\*
- Replace existing brick sidewalk with concrete (no charge)

\*\*\* Property owners may choose to have wire cut brick sidewalks instead of concrete sidewalks. However, this will cost the property owner \$135 per square yard in order to cover the difference in cost between concrete and brick. Payments can be made by, cash, check, E-check, MasterCard or Discover. A 2.5% convenience fee applies to credit and debit card transactions and a \$2.00 flat fee applies to E-check transactions.

Please sign below before returning the form. In so doing, you affirm that:

*I am the owner of the property in question and I understand that the cost of upgrading to brick is \$135 per square yard. If I have selected this option the City will calculate the cost based on the square yardage and present the costs to me; I will indicate my acceptance by paying the full cost within 14 days of the date of the invoice. If my payment is not received by then, the City will replace my sidewalk with the existing material.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form by June 10, 2013 to Tracy Dwyer (617-349-4826), Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139, or fax (617) 349-4868.**