



August 29, 2012

## **Construction on Sidewalk/ Street Improvements to Waterhouse Street** *Construction starts the week of September 4, 2012*

Dear Waterhouse Street Neighbors:

The City has awarded a contract for the reconstruction of Waterhouse Street to Tasco Construction Co. This project includes sidewalk reconstruction, roadway paving, and traffic calming improvements. Please see the reverse of this notice for more information on the design for this project.

***The City's contractor will begin to mobilize for the sidewalk and street construction during the week of September 4, 2012. Construction activity will continue for approximately 2 months, with additional finish work to be scheduled for next spring, following a winter construction moratorium.***

Recently completed utility improvements on Waterhouse Street will minimize the need for future construction on Waterhouse Street once the surface improvements are completed.

### **What to expect during construction**

General work hours will be 7AM to 4 PM, Monday-Friday. "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of construction; please be sure to check posted signs for exact dates and times. When work occurs directly in front of driveways or entryways, the contractor will coordinate access directly with residents.

### **Information and Assistance**

A project website, which includes plans and construction updates, is posted at <http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects.aspx>.

Please contact Rebecca Fuentes, Assistant Commissioner for Administration, at [rfuentes@cambridgema.gov](mailto:rfuentes@cambridgema.gov) or at 617.349.6948 to:

- ✓ Sign up to receive e-mail updates as the project moves forward.
- ✓ Arrange an accommodation or continuation of special services for anyone with a **disability** or **special need**.
- ✓ Learn how you can help street trees along the street, either by "adopting" a recently planted tree on your block (especially watering during dry weather), or by signing up for the "back-of-sidewalk" tree planting program, through which a tree can be planted on private property within 20 feet of the public sidewalk at *no cost to the owner*.

Gary Agnello, the City's Construction Project Manager, will also be available throughout the project to assist the community. Gary will often be out on site, and can also be reached at 617.293.9386.

***In case of an emergency after hours or on weekends, please call the 24-Hour line at 617-349-4800.***

Thank you for your patience during this construction. We hope you enjoy these improvements once they are completed.

## **WATERHOUSE STREET DESIGN**

The Waterhouse Street improvements include reconstruction of the sidewalk, repaving of the street and traffic calming elements to reduce vehicle speeds and enhance safety for pedestrians.

The design for Waterhouse Street was developed through a community process that included two neighborhood meetings organized by the city and several meetings with individual property owners.

Improvements include:

- Reconstructed sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, and roadway;
- A new sidewalk along the Cambridge Common (Garden St to Mass Ave);
- Curb extensions at the intersections of Waterhouse Street and Garden Street;
- A raised intersection at Concord Avenue and Waterhouse Street that replaces the existing traffic signal;
- A curb extension at Waterhouse Street and Follen Street that includes new crosswalk markings;
- A planting area between Follen Street and Little Mass Ave; and
- A re-alignment of existing the crosswalk and the installation of an additional crosswalk across Mass Ave.

A plan of the improvements is available at

[www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/trafficalming/waterhousetreet.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/trafficalming/waterhousetreet.aspx)

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