



August 16, 2012

Construction on Sidewalk/ Street Improvements to Meacham Road, Woodbridge Street, Shea Road, and Locke Street

Construction starts the week of August 20, 2012

Dear Neighbors:

The City has awarded a contract for the reconstruction of Meacham Road, Woodbridge Street, Shea Road and Locke Street to the Tasco Construction Company.

The contractor will begin to mobilize for construction during the week of August 20, 2012. Major construction activity will continue for approximately 3 months, with additional finish work to be scheduled for next spring, following a winter construction moratorium.

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 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.

Project Design

The plans for this project, which incorporate neighborhood input received at a December 14, 2011 community meeting, include:

- Reconstructed sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, and roadways on all four streets;
- A new curb extension and a crosswalk on Meacham Rd at Locke St to better define the intersection;
- A curb extension on Locke St at Woodbridge St, which addresses existing access concerns, minimizes impacts on residential on street parking, and provides an opportunity for additional plantings;
- New “No Parking Here to Corner” signs at intersections; and,
- Additional street trees.

Please contact Juan Avendano at 617.349.4655 or javendano@cambridgema.gov if you have any questions or would like more information about the design for this project.

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

Attachment:

- Sidewalk Materials Selection Form (applicable only for owners who wish to change their sidewalk material, must be submitted by August 31, 2012)



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 footage 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 August 31, 2012 to Tracy Dwyer, Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139, or fax (617) 349-4868 or e-mail tdwyer@cambridgema.gov.