Dear Kendall Square Neighbor,

The City of Cambridge is currently developing plans to reconstruct the roadway and sidewalk on Broadway between Third Street and Ames Street.

**OVERALL PROJECT GOALS**

- Improve deteriorating roadway and sidewalk infrastructure.
- Provide improved facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Improve the safety of pedestrians using the mid-block crosswalk between the Marriott and the Volpe Center.
- Enhance the area visually for all users – pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Maintain appropriate vehicular capacity of the roadway and accommodate hotel drop-off.

The construction of the project is being funded through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). On March 15, 2011 MassDOT will be hosting a 75% Design Meeting. You are invited to attend the meeting to learn more about the project, including a focus on the planting plan, give input on the design and ask any questions you may have about the improvements.

Please visit the City’s website for details of the proposed design: [http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects.aspx), under Broadway Improvements: Third Street to Ames Street.

The meeting location, Boston Marriott Cambridge, 50 Broadway is accessible; however, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Katherine Watkins at 617-349-4751 or kwatkins@cambridgema.gov.

To receive future updates related to construction in Kendall Square via email, please contact Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager at kdunn@cambridgema.gov or 617-349-4870.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dunn
Community Relations Manager
Cambridge Department of Public Works
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 605684

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT - Highway Division to discuss the proposed Cambridge – Intersection & Signal Improvements on Broadway from Third Street to Ames Street project.

WHERE:  Boston Marriott Cambridge
        50 Broadway
        Cambridge, MA 02139
        Meeting Room TBD

WHEN:  March 15, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE:  The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Cambridge – Intersection & Signal Improvements on Broadway from Third Street to Ames Street project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL:  The proposed improvements will consist of roadway pavement reconstruction, construction of sidewalk and wheelchair ramps, minor drainage improvements, the installation of a new pedestrian traffic crossing signal, the installation of pavement markings and signs and other streetscape enhancements.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT – Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: Project Management, Project File No. 605684. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Angela Rudikoff by phone at (617) 973-7005 or email to angela.rudikoff@state.ma.us. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/

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HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

FRANK A. TRAMONTOZZI, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

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