



August 10, 2011

LOWELL STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Resumes August 15

Dear Lowell Street Neighbor:

The City's contractor, D'Allessandro Corporation, will soon begin surface improvements on Lowell Street. The project includes a new water main (already installed), drainage upgrades, reconstructed roadway and sidewalks, and traffic calming elements.

Schedule

Crews will mobilize on Lowell St during the week of August 15 to begin drainage upgrades. Surface improvements are scheduled to begin the week of August 22 and we expect the work to take 2 months to complete. General work hours will be 7 am 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.

Information and Assistance

For any information or assistance during this project, please contact Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager, at 617.349.4870 or kdunn@cambridgema.gov. Contact Kelly to:

- ✓ Arrange an accommodation or continuation of special services for anyone with a disability or special need.
- ✓ Learn about how you can help street trees along the street, either by "adopting" a newly 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*.
- ✓ Sign up to change your sidewalk frontage's material (described in more detail on the reverse of this notice).

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.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dunn
Community Relations Manager
Cambridge Department of Public Works



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, property owners 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 \$97 per square yard***
- Replace existing brick sidewalk with concrete (no charge)
- Keep existing material (*no charge and no need to submit form*)

*** Property owners may choose to have wire cut brick sidewalks instead of concrete sidewalks. However, this will cost the property owner \$97 per square yard in order to cover the difference in cost between concrete and brick. Payments can be made by cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard [please note that the City cannot accept credit card payments over \$1,000].

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 \$97 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 24 to Tracy Dwyer, Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139, or fax 617-349-4868.