



September 4, 2013

Longfellow Road Construction Update

Postponed to Spring 2014

Dear Longfellow Road Resident,

As part of the Longfellow Road reconstruction project, city staff has been working with the residents to develop a shared street design to accommodate pedestrians, increase greenspace and generally improve the street for residents.

Project Update

NStar Gas has completed replacing the gas main and individual services, and the City's contractor has installed all of the new drainage structures. The contractor was scheduled to mobilize for the roadway reconstruction in August 2013, however, due to unforeseen circumstances; the original contractor will not be completing the project. A new contractor is being hired to construct Longfellow Road and the adjacent Mt. Auburn Street project. A new contractor will be hired over the winter and the work on Longfellow Road is scheduled to begin in **Spring 2014**. We apologize for the delay, but are committed to ensuring this project is completed in a timely manner with high quality workmanship.

Work on Private Property

Residents have inquired about performing work on private property in advance of this project. With the project slated to resume in the Spring, residents will have until April 2014 to perform any projects on private property.

Planting Agreements and Right-of-Entries

The Planting Agreements that residents have completed will not need to be modified. However, the Rights-of-Entries will need to be updated in the spring, as they represent an agreement between the City, the contractor and the residents. If you have any comments / changes on the right-of-entry previously sent to you, please let us know, so that the document can be revised accordingly.

Tree Removals

On August 22nd a tree removal hearing was held for several structurally deficient and deteriorating trees on Longfellow Road. Residents in attendance supported the removal of the trees and they have been approved for removal. Given the deteriorated condition of the trees, residents requested that the trees (#1, #8, #12, & #15 Longfellow Road) be removed as soon as they can be worked into the City's schedule. As part of the project, numerous trees will be planted to replace these and other trees that have been removed over the years.

For Information and Assistance During Construction

If you have any questions about the construction or the delay in the project, please contact Chris Neil at (617) 349-4825 / cneil@cambridgema.gov or Juan Avendano, Design Engineer, at javendano@cambridgema.gov / 617-349-4655. More information about the project can be found at www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects.

We apologize for the inconvenience and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this postponement.

Sincerely,

Chris Neil
Community Relations Manager