



**REVISED:** September 19, 2019

## **SIDEWALK INSTALLATION NOTICE – Work Postponed** Bowdoin St (Hudson St to Martin St)

Dear Neighbor,

The sidewalk work scheduled to take place in September has been postponed until Spring 2020. The contractor was unable to start the work when originally scheduled due to another project taking longer than anticipated. This delay, in addition to the scope of this project expanding to include several sections of new sidewalk, has pushed the work too late into the season to start. By delaying the project until Spring 2020, we eliminate the risk of this sidewalk work extending over two construction seasons. We apologize for this unforeseen delay, but feel it is necessary for both the quality and safety of the project.

### **Sidewalk Material Options**

- 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 for a fee.
- **More information is available on the reverse side of this notice.**

### **What happens if I've already paid for a brick sidewalk?**

We have a record of invoices for all who have paid to change their sidewalk from concrete to brick. This record guarantees your sidewalk will be reconstructed with brick.

### **Does this give me more time to decide on sidewalk material selection?**

Yes. The new deadline for sidewalk material selection is **November 15, 2019**. To receive a cost estimate, simply fill out and submit the form on the back of this flier. Once your estimate is received please promptly submit payment. If the city does not receive payment, your sidewalk will be replaced with existing material.

We will notify residents of the start of work in the spring. Once started, this work is expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete (weather permitting).

The project includes sidewalk replacement, pedestrian crossing improvements, removal of unhealthy/dead street trees and new street tree plantings as located by the City Arborist.

### **Information and Assistance**

Questions regarding this project? Contact Kate Riley, Community Relations Manager, at 617.349.4870/ kriley@cambridgema.gov or Yaser Samerraei, Engineer, at 857-235-9970/ ysamerraei@cambridgema.gov for information or assistance during this project, including if you have any special need or disability that requires a special accommodation.

Sincerely,  
Yaser Samerraei, Engineer  
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, homeowners 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 \$155 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 \$155 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, Discover or Visa. 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 \$155 per square yard. If I have selected this option, the City will calculate the cost based on the square yardage 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **November 15, 2019** to Tracy Dwyer (617.349.4826), Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139, or fax 617.349.4868.