



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Inman Square Intersection Improvements

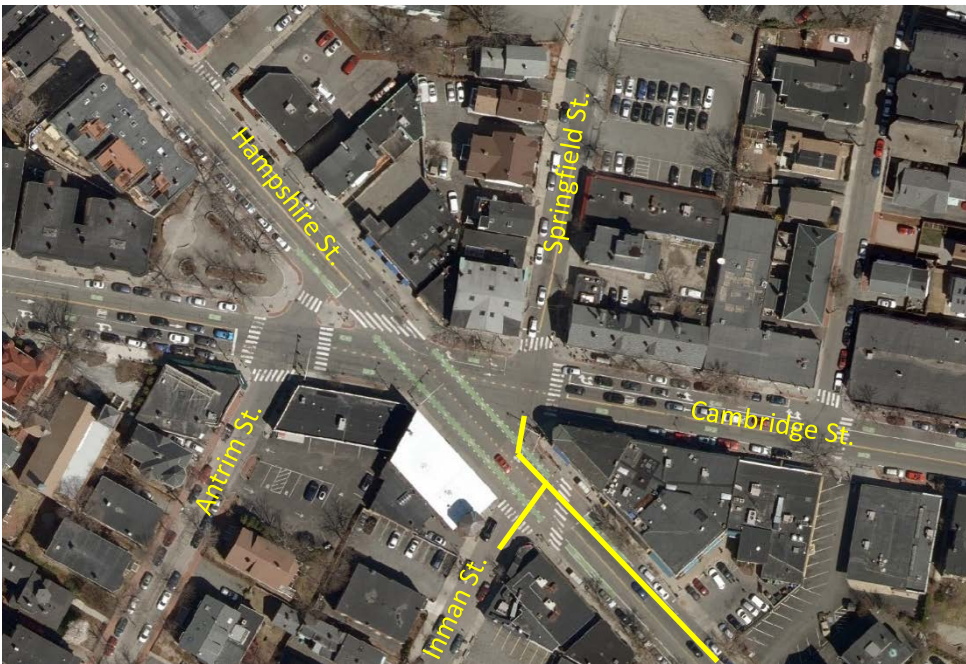
Water Main Work in Hampshire Street

Dear Inman Square Neighbor:

As part of the Inman Square Intersection Improvements project, the City's contractor Newport Construction **will begin to install a new water main from Inman Square southeast along Hampshire Street, including a connection into Inman Street**, starting on or about February 24, 2020. The approximate extent of this phase of the work is shown on the map below. **This phase of the project is expected to take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete.**

This work will allow the retirement of an existing water main which is over 125 years old, and is critical to ensure that the water infrastructure serving Inman Square and adjoining neighborhoods will be in good condition for years to come:

The approximate limits of the upcoming water work are shown by yellow lines on the photo below. Note that individual water services off these main lines are not shown. The work will be performed in phases, with approximately 50 to 150 feet of water main under construction at any one time.



Approximate Limits of Upcoming Water Main Construction

What to expect during this construction:

- Work will occur during normal weekday hours of 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Traffic will be maintained in both directions on Cambridge and Hampshire Streets, although there may be lane reductions during working hours.
- **Inman Street:** When the connection into Inman Street is being constructed, there will be a period of time when, during working hours, it will not be possible for traffic to turn into Inman Street from Hampshire Street. DPW will provide additional notice and information to Inman Street abutters before this restriction goes into effect.
- Pedestrian access and access to abutting properties will be maintained. Pedestrians should please follow posted signs which may direct them onto temporary walkways at times. All temporary walkways will be ADA accessible.

Parking and Loading / MBTA Bus Stops

- It is expected that several on-street parking spaces will be impacted at any one time during this work. The exact number and location of the impacted spaces is related to the actual size and location of the work zone, and the associated traffic lane shifts, and will change as the work progresses. Drivers should pay careful attention to parking restrictions, which will be posted at least 24 hours in advance.
- Most of the impacted parking spaces will be restricted during weekday working hours only, and will return to normal operations after working hours and on weekends. It may be necessary, however, for several parking spaces to remain restricted during off-hours to accommodate storage of contractor materials and equipment.
- Newport and the City will work with individual businesses to accommodate loading requirements during construction.
- MBTA bus stops serving the #83 on Hampshire Street may be impacted as a result of the work. Passengers should look for signage indicating temporary stops which will be established as needed.

Water Service Impacts

The initial work of placing the new water main will not impact existing water services. After the new main is completed and tested, water customers will be individually notified of procedures related to the cut-over of services to the new main.

For Information and Assistance During Construction

Cambridge DPW staff will be on-site during this work and will be available to respond to questions and concerns.

In addition, if you have general questions or concerns about this work or the Inman Square project in general, you may contact Kate Riley, DPW Community Relations Manager at (617) 349-4870 or kriley@cambridgema.gov. More information about the project in general, as well as the September 2019 *Construction Update* newsletter can be found at www.cambridgema.gov/InmanSquare.

In case of a construction emergency, please call the Cambridge Public Works Department 24-hour hotline at 617-349-4800.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this construction.

Sincerely,
Kate Riley
Community Relations Manager

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