



November 20, 2012

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION ON MEMORIAL DRIVE

Beginning the week of November 26th, crews will begin work to construct the stormwater system to the Charles River. This is a significant phase of the overall Western Avenue Construction project and will impact traffic on Memorial Drive between Hingham Street and Western Avenue (**Please see reverse side**).

The work will include a stormwater outfall opposite New Riverside Park, a new drain line on Memorial Drive from the outfall to Western Avenue, and new plantings along the river. This phase of the project is scheduled to be substantially complete in February 2013, with final plantings to follow in the spring.

What to Expect During Construction

- From 7am-4pm Monday thru Friday, Memorial Drive will be reduced to one (1) travel on the eastbound side between Western Ave. and Hingham Street (towards Harvard Square). Two travel lanes will remain open on the westbound side of Memorial Drive between Hingham Street and Western Ave. (towards Boston).
- Cyclists and pedestrians using the Charles River path will maintain access along the river on a temporary path.
- During non-peak hours, travel lanes may be reduced to one (1) lane in each direction.

On-going Western Avenue Construction Update

- NStar Gas is nearing completion on installing the new gas main and services on Western Avenue.
- The City's contractor, D'Allesandro, will be completing test pits and has begun installing the new water main on Western Avenue. Water main work began at Memorial Drive and will continue up towards Central Square. This work will continue through the winter.

Parking

Harvard University has offered to provide some alternative parking that residents can use on evenings and weekends to help mitigate some of the impacts of construction. Harvard will reserve 20 spaces in their Peabody Terrace Garage (entrance on Elmer Street) for residents to use weekday evenings (5 pm to 8 am) and weekends. Residents interested in taking advantage of the parking should call the Harvard Mitigation Office (617-496-0857) to receive a transponder that will allow access to the parking garage.

For Information or Assistance

Chris Neil, DPW Community Relations Manager, will be taking over coordination for outreach related to this project going forward. Chris can be reached at (617) 349-4825 cneil@cambridgema.gov for information or assistance during this project, including if you have any special need or disability that requires a special accommodation. Please feel free to contact me as well if you need assistance at any point. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this construction. We hope you enjoy these improvements once they are completed.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Fuentes
Assistant Commissioner for Administration
Cambridge Department of Public Works

WESTERN AVENUE CONSTRUCTION

MEMORIAL DRIVE LANE CLOSURE

STARTING 11/26/2012 - NO DETOURS REQUIRED

CHARLES RIVER

Akron St

Banks St

Elmer St

Hingham St

WORK ZONE

TWO-WAY TRAFFIC
AT ALL TIMES



LANE RESTRICTION
DURING WORK HOURS

Riverside Pl

Western Ave

Memorial Dr

Blackstone St

Putnam Ave