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October 9, 2018

**Re: North Main Street Roadway Improvements Project
Informational Meeting for Impacted Property Owners - South of Route 9**

Dear Property Owner,

The Town of Natick through its consultant, BETA Group Inc., is completing the design work associated with the North Main Street Roadway Improvements Project. The project is currently at the 75% design level. The construction of this project will be funded using both state and federal money through the Boston Region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project (TIP Project #605034) currently has a construction bid advertising date of 7/13/19, with a Notice to Proceed (NTP) of 11/10/19. Construction is anticipated to start on or about 3/1/20 and should take approximately 3 years to complete.

The project includes two sections of North Main Street (Route 27), north and south of Route 9. The section north of Route 9 extends approximately 1 mile from the Wayland town line to the Route 9/27 Shopping Plaza driveway just north of Route 9. The section south of Route 9 extends approximately 1.2 miles from North Pleasant Street to North Avenue in Natick Center. The proposed improvements will address the physical and operational deficiencies within the project limits. Plans for this project may be viewed by pasting the following link into your web browser; www.natickma.gov/1459/route-27-north.

Prior to advertising the project for construction bids the Town is required to secure from the impacted property owners any temporary easements, permanent easements, or land takings that are necessary to support the project. Temporary easements only grant the Town restricted use of a property for a limited amount of time during construction. These are typically needed to allow workers to form sidewalks and blend existing driveways, walkways, and lawn areas with the new project construction. Permanent easements grant the Town use of land typically needed to locate, build, and maintain sidewalks, drainage components, and public utilities in perpetuity. The property owner would continue to own the land but the Town would have the permanent right to use the land for the intended purpose of the easement. Unfortunately there are approximately 14 properties where it will be necessary for the Town to take permanent possession land. These locations typically are required for the widening of certain roadway intersections throughout this project.

A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th, from 6pm to 8:45pm, in the Lebowitz Meeting Hall in the Morse Institute Library, 14 East Central St. Natick. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the overall scope of the project, and as an abutter to the project learn how the proposed construction will impact your property.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on November 7th, I would be happy to meet with you and discuss this further at your convenience. I can be reached at (508) 647-6400 ext. 2020 or email at mcoviello@natickma.org. If I'm not available please contact Victoria Parsons at (508) 647-6452 or email at vparkers@natickma.org.

Further, in the following weeks you will receive from the Town additional correspondence that will include the *Federal Aid Acquisition Guide for Property Owners*. The purpose of this guide is to summarize the land acquisition process for public projects funded with federal aid moneys, and inform affected property owners about the process and their rights.

Sincerely,

Mark Coviello, P.E.
Project Engineer

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