



# *TOWN OF NATICK MASSACHUSETTS*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Michael Hickey, Chair, Board of Selectmen  
From: Bill McDowell, Town Engineer  
Date: May 10, 2019  
**Re: South Main Street Project Update**

South Main Street Design continues. The design estimate at the 50% design stage was approximately 15% higher than the requested appropriation based on initial engineering estimate. Funding for the project was removed from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and will be requested at the Fall Town Meeting. The engineers have been working with the Department to decrease construction costs. It is anticipated the project estimate, with 10% contingency, will be slightly under \$ 4.0M.

The Notice of Intent for the project is on the agenda for the Commission's May 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting. There are two separate areas where construction will occur within the buffer zones of wetland resource areas, from the Sherborn Town line to West Street (+/- 1330 linear feet) and near Bennett Street, between houses 132 and 134 S. Main St. where a drainage swale enters the piped drainage system under the roadway.

Geotechnical survey occurred along the route of the sidewalk being designed as a potential add/alternate during the weeks of April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>. Results of the survey will determine the easterly limits of work in this area.

The Department has confirmed the location of utility poles with Eversource Electric. All utility poles will be located within the existing 41.25' wide right of way. There are some support anchors which will need to be relocated. The nature of the anchors require that they be located, offset from the poles, on private property. The Engineering Division will be contacting the property owners at these locations in the next week. Support poles, which maintain required vertical clearance over the street and sidewalks for electric and communications wires, will need to remain in several locations along South Main Street.

Final design, specifications and estimate are anticipated in mid-June. Funding for the project will be requested at the Fall Town meeting. It is anticipated that construction would begin in Late April early May 2020. Construction is anticipated to take the full 2020 construction season and a portion

(2 -3 months) of the 2021 season to finalize traffic control measures and plantings. The Department is considering performing hydrant relocations during this construction season in advance of contract work in the roadway. Eversource Electric is evaluating whether relocation of their utility poles may begin in the fall of this year.