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RE: South Main Street Renovation Project

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Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 11:55 AM

To: Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>

Cc: Selectmen <selectmen@natickma.org>, James Hicks <jhicks@natickma.org>, Melissa Malone <mmalone@natickma.org>

Hi Brian –

Thank you for taking the time to reply to my question.

I appreciate the insight into previous history concerning this area of South Main Street.

Have a very safe day!

Rick Jennett
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From: Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 11:37 AM**To:** Rick Jennett**Subject:** Re: South Main Street Renovation Project

Rick,

I was just waiting for the Chief to respond first. Over the years we have often been asked to weigh in on sidewalks. In the area that you are referencing, a number of years ago when South Natick Hills was built we suggested it but were told it was an insurmountable task given the volume of ledge in the area. We again looked at it when Rockland Street was repaved when those residents spoke about the dangerous conditions they met when trying to cross South Main Street to reach the pedestrian accommodations on the opposite side of the road. We ended up installing pedestrian crossing warning lights, which if you look at them they are higher than most given the engineering of the roadway. This was done by design so that we could have an effect on drivers as far away as possible.

If possible this last leg of sidewalk should be constructed. It will help secure safe pedestrian access from the southern neighborhoods along Rockland Street, Farwell Street, Heavey Way, South Natick Hills and others to Natick Center, Natick High School, and the number of recreational areas along West Street.

If completed we should then look at what a safe and efficient pedestrian crossing at West Street would look like.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Brian G. Lauzon

On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 10:14 AM Rick Jennett wrote:

Thank you Chief

Rick ;-}

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From: James Hicks <hicks@natickpolice.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 8:32 PM
To: Selectman Jennett <rjennett@natickma.org>
Cc: Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>; Selectmen <selectmen@natickma.org>; Melissa Malone <mmalone@natickma.org>
Subject: Re: South Main Street Renovation Project

Good evening Rick,

I am not aware of how all the discussions have gone around this process so my response will be limited to safety. Over the last several years the Safety Committee has heard many requests related to pedestrian and bicycle safety. In most of the cases the Committee would agree that sidewalks (the most requested item) would be appropriate however the cost of adding sidewalks have caused us to take no action. In my personal opinion any opportunity to add sidewalks to the community should be taken.

On Fri, Sep 13, 2019 at 1:17 PM Selectman Jennett <rjennett@natickma.org> wrote:

Good afternoon gentlemen –

I am reaching out to you concerning the South Main Street Renovation Project, that is currently in the engineering/bid stage of the project.

One of the pieces of this project, the sidewalk on the northbound side of South Main Street, running from West Street to Hunters Lane, was pulled out of the main bid as an add/alternate.

There had been a concern as to removing the ledge, and the costs associated with that process, along the add/alternate stretch. We had initially heard much higher estimated costs to be saved and currently it is in the ballpark of \$340,000 as the cost for the add/alternate.

I am reaching out to ask if you provide your input, as the Public Safety officers, as to the increased opportunity for safety by having the sidewalk along this stretch noted above, on the northbound side of South Main Street.

I have attached the last handout presented to the Board on August 5th.

The Board is going to receive another update during our meeting, on Monday the 16th, and I would appreciate it if you would also provide your opinion(s) for the Board to consider as well at that time.

Respectfully,

Rick Jennett

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