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## Downtown Sidewalk Replacement Project Updates

April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Update 5/20/16:** The forecast is showing a couple days of rain next week which may delay some of the schedule described below.

Phase 6 (Water St) The second stormwater treatment unit was installed and most of the concrete was poured. The last few sections of concrete will be poured on Monday, depending on the weather. After 3 days of curing, the plastic will be removed from each section of new concrete. The plastic can be walked on, but needs to stay covered because of the cold temperatures at night. Feel free to put signs up at your business to clarify this for your customers.

Phase 7 (Water St, American Independence Museum) concrete pouring will occur on Monday and Tuesday. Parking will be blocked on both sides of the street to allow for 2-way traffic through this section on Monday and 1-way traffic heading east (inbound) on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the contractor will be working on the corner of Water St and Center St in front of Citizen's Bank to improve the sidewalk ramp onto Center St. We are hoping to make that drop a little less severe. The bricks will be removed and reset (no concrete here).

Phase 8 (Water St, north side) demolition will begin on Tuesday. Again, parking on both sides will be blocked to allow for 1-way traffic heading east (inbound). Westbound traffic will be directed up Center St to Front St and then Spring St.

Phase 9 (and 5) is anticipated to start on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. No work will be done on Memorial Day.

Milling and paving will start when all of the sidewalks are complete which is anticipated to be in mid-June. That will take 2-3 weeks, followed by line striping/painting. Tree planting and sign installation will also occur during this phase.

**Businesses in the construction areas of Water St, Winter St, Front St, and Lincoln St are OPEN!**

**Update 5/13/16:** Phase 3 (Water St) is open! Parking in this area is allowed. The cones are there to warn about the uneven pavement near the curb. This will be addressed when milling and paving takes place in a few weeks.

Phase 4 (Water St and Front St, Town Hall) is done!

Phase 5 has been merged into Phase 9. Refer to the phasing plan for NEW dates for upcoming phases.

Phase 6 (Water St) curb installation is complete. The concrete pouring will be on Monday, Thursday, and Friday next week. (The concrete company will be at another job on Tuesday and Wednesday) Below is a link to the schedule for pouring within this phase. The schedule refers to the "SQ.#", or square number, which has been painted on the street. The numbering starts at the String Bridge and continues to Center St. This will let you know the day and time that they will be pouring in front of your building. Several businesses are closed on Monday, so we have scheduled to pour in front of those locations on Monday.

The second stormwater treatment unit will be installed later in the week in the area of 171 Water St (Decorum).

This section of Water St will return to one-way traffic on the days that they pour concrete. The String Bridge will be closed on the mornings of Monday and Friday when they are working next to the bridge.

There is a possibility of rain mid to late next week, which would delay the concrete pouring schedule. I'll update as needed.

Phase 7 will begin on Monday with demolition, curbing, and grading to be completed mid-week. Concrete will be poured the following week.

Phase 8 is anticipated to start on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Phase 9 is anticipated to start on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. No work will be done on Memorial Day.

The good news...more than half of the project is complete and we are almost 4 weeks ahead of schedule.

**Businesses in the construction areas of Water St, Winter St, Front St, and Lincoln St are OPEN!**

**Update 5/6/16:** Phase 3 (Water St) is open! Parking in this area is allowed. The cones are there to warn about the uneven pavement near the curb. This will be addressed when milling and paving takes place in a few weeks.

Phase 4 (Water St and Front St, Town Hall) continued with curbs, grading and placing forms for the concrete. A couple sections of concrete were poured before we were rained out yesterday. There will be about 3 more days of pouring next week.

Phase 5 has been merged into Phase 9. Refer to the phasing plan for dates for upcoming phases. Link below.

Phase 6 (Water St) demolition was completed and the stormwater treatment unit was installed. Curb installation will start on Monday and concrete forming will start on Wednesday. Pouring for this phase may start at the end of next week if the weather cooperates. It will take about 4 days to pour all of this phase.

The figure 8 detour ends today. The detour for next week will be a loop including Water St, Center St, and Front St (half of the figure 8).

**Businesses in the construction areas of Water St, Winter St, Front St, and Lincoln St are OPEN!  
Thanks to all of the businesses, residents, and visitors for your continued support.**

**Update 4/29/16:**

Phase 2 (Front St) was opened on Monday and looks great!

Phase 3 (Water St) concrete was poured this week and will be opened over the next few days (3 days after the concrete is poured, the plastic will be removed from that section).

Phase 4 (Water St and Front St, Town Hall) had curb installed and gravel was graded behind the curb. The forms for the concrete will be placed starting Tuesday and concrete will be poured starting Wednesday. That will take 3-4 days, so it may not be finished until the following Monday. Plastic will be removed from each section that is poured after 3 DAYS. We need the full curing time to ensure we have the best final product that will last for many years!

Phase 5 has been merged into Phase 9. Refer to the phasing plan for NEW DATES for upcoming phases. Link below.

Phase 6 (Water St) will begin next week with demolition Monday through Thursday. Curb installation is expected to start Thursday or Friday, depending on the weather.

With the work zone expanding, there will be several changes to the traffic patterns. On Monday, the west span of the String Bridge (Water St side) will be closed to vehicles so the contractor can work between the bridge and Water St. It is too narrow to safely pass traffic around the equipment. There will be NO other detour on Monday. All streets will be open to 2-way traffic.

**On Tuesday, May 2nd, the full figure 8 detour will be in effect until further notice.**

**Businesses in the construction areas of Water St, Winter St, Front St, and Lincoln St are OPEN!**

Businesses, residents, and visitors continue to be very supportive of both of these projects. Let's get out and show some support to the businesses, too. Don't let a little construction equipment deter you from enjoying these great areas of Town!

**Update 4/22/16:** Phase 1 is open for all to enjoy! The concrete for Phase 2 (Front St) was poured this week and will be open for use on Monday. Curb was installed in Phase 3 (Water St) and they will start pouring concrete on Monday. Next week will also be the start of Phase 4 with demolition and curb installation (Water St and Front St/Town Hall). Please note that Phases 4 and 5 have been slightly modified (see attached). There is rain in the forecast for Tuesday and possibly later in the week, so the schedule may need to be adjusted. Same as last week, we will try to continue with the loop detour that is in place, but the figure-8 detour may be required as work progresses. Safety first! Remember that the businesses in the construction areas of Water St, Winter St, Front St, and Lincoln St are OPEN for business! We appreciate their support with both of these projects and hope you all can get out and support them, too!

**Update 4/15/16:** All of the concrete in Phase 1 has been poured and is curing. It will be open to pedestrians first thing Monday morning! The contractor will continue setting up the forms for the concrete in Phase 2 (Front St) on

Monday April 18th and will be pouring concrete Tuesday through Thursday. The Town Office ramp closure has been changed to Wednesday, April 20th at 1:30 pm. On Monday, April 18th, work for Phase 3 (Water St, opposite Phase 1) will also begin, starting with demolition, followed by curb installation and grading for the rest of the week. Same as last week, we will try to continue with the loop detour that is in place, but the figure-8 detour may be required as work progresses. Safety first! Remember that the businesses in the construction areas of Water St, Winter St, Front St, and Lincoln St are OPEN for business!

**Update 4/13/16:** The work on the sidewalks in front of the Town Office (10 Front St) is underway. On Monday, April 18th, the ramp that provides ADA access to the Town Office will be closed at 1:30 pm to allow the contractor to pour the concrete. Access will not be available again until the following morning when the office opens. If there is a rain (or other) delay on Monday, the ramp will be closed at the same time on Tuesday. The stairs will be accessible at that time. If you need assistance to access the building during this time, please contact Public Works at 770-4970. You can also check back here to confirm that the ramp is open.

**Update 4/8/16:** The weather did not slow us down this week! Work proceeded as scheduled in phase 1. The contractor will continue setting up the forms for the concrete tomorrow morning (Saturday) until about noon. They will be pouring concrete Monday through Wednesday. Work will begin in phase 2 (Front St, Town Hall side) next week also. We will try to continue with the loop detour that is in place, but the figure-8 detour may be required as work progresses. Safety first!

**Update 4/4/16:** The weather has not impacted the construction schedule. Please be mindful of the detour (details below).

**Update 4/1/16:** We are optimistic that the weather forecast is wrong! Unless there is heavy snow or rain, Bell & Flynn will begin work in area #1 as shown on the attached PDF. The first part of the detour will be set up on Monday (see attached) and in place for the first few weeks. As work progresses to other areas, the full figure-8 detour will be set up.