

ARLINGTON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



This project is rebuilding Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington between Pond Lane and the Alewife Brook Parkway. With the goal of increasing safety for all modes, the project is making upgrades to the road itself, sidewalks, crosswalks, and signals while maintaining the vibrancy of the Capitol Square business district.

The project is scheduled to run from spring 2014 to spring 2016, with full beneficial usage achieved by the fall of 2015. As the first season of construction winds down, the project is generally running on schedule.

Going into December, the project will begin wrapping up for the winter. The following work has been completed:

- Installation of tree protections/removal of diseased or problematically positioned trees.
- Drainage work has been fully completed. Approximately 75% of all water infrastructure work associated with the job has been completed.
- Completion of sidewalks on the north (left when facing towards Cambridge) side of Massachusetts Avenue from approximately Pond Lane to Grafton Street.
- Sidewalk work has included the creation of new pedestrian “bump-outs” to shorten the crossing of Massachusetts Avenue at the following locations:
 - Massachusetts Avenue/Wyman Street
 - Massachusetts Avenue/Foster Street
 - Massachusetts Avenue/Harlow Street

For all area motorists please note that these new features are in place and may be rendered invisible by a heavy snow fall. We strongly suggest that you familiarize yourself with the new curb lines before heavy snow becomes a regular event this winter.

- Throughout the work to date, MassDOT’s contractor, J.H. Lynch Inc., has adhered to all applicable emission and storm water run-off control plans and will continue to do so when work recommences in the spring.

Some small scale work may be undertaken during the winter for the new and upgraded signals associated with the project. This will consist of installation of mast arm foundations for new signals at Lake Street and Teel Street.

Assuming an average Massachusetts winter, work is likely to restart sometime in April of 2015. Prior to the start of work, a public information meeting will be held to ensure that community members are aware of the upcoming activities. Work for the 2015 construction season is anticipated to address the following elements:

- Sidewalk reconstruction on the north side of Massachusetts Avenue from Grafton Street to Alewife Brook Parkway in the spring.
- Sidewalk reconstruction on the south side of Massachusetts Avenue from Pond Lane to Orvis Street and Orvis Street to Alewife Brook Parkway during the summer.
- Repaving of Massachusetts Avenue from Pond Lane to Alewife Brook Parkway during the late summer and fall.
- New landscaping including the planting of over 100 trees of varying species.
- Civic engagement will continue during the 2015 construction season and to the end of the project.

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