

Arlington Massachusetts Avenue Reconstruction Project



Pedestrian Refuge Islands on Massachusetts Avenue

MassDOT and its contractor for the project, J.H. Lynch, are in the process of reconstructing Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington. Among the project's goal are to enhance pedestrian safety. A significant supporting element of this goal includes the introduction of pedestrian refuge islands at key locations on the Avenue within the project limits of work.

During the week of Monday, September 28th, *raised* pedestrian refuge islands will be installed on Massachusetts Avenue **just east of Marathon Street and **just east of Grafton Street**.** The initial step in construction these islands will be the curbs followed by internal paving.

As pedestrian refuge islands are new to this section of Massachusetts Avenue, orange construction barrels will be placed on these elements as they are constructed to highlight their presence to motorists unaccustomed to seeing islands in this roadway.

Motorists should note that islands serve to define lanes and provide pedestrians with a safe place to cross the Avenue. No legal turns are prevented by the presence of these medians.

If you would like to receive project updates and notifications by email, please visit www.arlingtonma.gov/massaverebuild. To speak with the project's public involvement specialist, please contact Nathaniel Curtis at 617-482-7080 or ncabral-curtis@hshassoc.com.