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2021 WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

Update #5: October 6, 2021

GTA Co., Inc., completed work at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Highland Avenue in one week and returned to Brattle Street in late September to continue water main installation to Hemlock Street. As anticipated, granite ledge (“trench rock”) has been encountered in the new water main trench over the past week. As a result residents should anticipate periodic ledge hammering for the remainder of the water main installation. Please note that GTA will begin installing connecting new water services to homes south of Millett Street to approximately 108 Brattle Street over the next week. The remaining work on Brattle Street is expected to be completed by late October pending weather and other unforeseen work conditions.

Update #4: September 10, 2021

GTA Co., Inc., is nearing completion of work on the first portion of Brattle Street from Woodside Lane to Millett Street. Most paving work and cleanup for this segment of the project will be wrapped up today. On Monday, September 13th, GTA will temporarily be relocating to the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Highland Avenue for approximately 1-2 weeks to complete a previously noted valve installation project. This work was initially planned prior to the work on Brattle Street but was pushed back as coordination efforts were completed with other utilities and local businesses. The location and conditions of this work necessitate completing it as soon as possible. GTA will continue to monitor the temporary bypass water main on Brattle Street during this time and will be available to address any issues residents may experience. Upon completion of the valve installation work, GTA will be returning to Brattle Street to complete the remainder of the project from Millett Street down the hill to Hemlock Street. The remaining work on Brattle is expected to take ~4 weeks pending weather and other unforeseen work conditions.

Update #3: August 16, 2021

GTA Co., Inc., is nearing completion of work in the Blossom/Newland/Oakledge neighborhood. It is expected that construction will be completed and that the contractor will begin mobilizing out of the neighborhood by the end of the current week. While final work is completed in the Blossom/Newland/Oakledge neighborhood, GTA will begin preliminary work (i.e. the installation of temporary bypass water main) in the Brattle Street neighborhood (Summer Street to Woodside Lane). It is anticipated that this preliminary work may begin as early as August 18th. GTA will then be completing a minor valve installation project at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Highland Avenue while water quality testing is performed on the

Brattle Street temporary bypass main. Brattle Street residents should therefore anticipate that GTA will begin connecting temporary services to individual homes as early as the week of August 23rd and that main construction may begin as early as the week of August 30th.

Update #2: June 18, 2021

GTA Co., Inc., will begin work in the Blossom/Newland/Oakledge neighborhood the week of June 21st. As previously noted, initial work will include the setup of temporary water mains (including the connection of temporary services to each building) and exploratory excavations. It is expected that this work and regulatory testing will take 1-2 weeks. Water main installation will begin thereafter and is anticipated to be completed in approximately 1 month.

Update #1: June 7, 2021

The Town's contractor, GTA Co., Inc., has begun mobilizing to Town for the start of project work. GTA will begin work in the Blossom/Newland/Oakledge neighborhood in early to mid-June and then proceed to the Brattle Street area later in the summer. Initial work will include the setup of temporary water mains (including the connection of temporary services to each building) and exploratory excavations. Please note that the contractor will require access to the basement of each building in order to complete the connection of temporary water services. Basement access should take no longer than 15 minutes and the contractor is expected to adhere to all applicable COVID-19 regulations. Main replacement will begin once all buildings are connected to temporary water main.