



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT March 2008



Dear Current Owner, Resident or Business Owner:

Massachusetts Highway and Newport Construction are embarking on an improvement project of Main Street Andover, from Wheeler Street north to Stevens Street. The project will continue construction through 2009. The Main Street Committee (comprised of residents of Andover) and the Planning Division are hoping to keep citizens informed about the progress of the project.

Improvements to the downtown include: upgraded intersection signals, improved traffic flow, safer pedestrian crossings, and enhanced visual aspects of Main Street. Downtown will be handicap accessible, it will be easier to walk, there will be designated turning lanes for cars, and better downtown lighting, seating, and landscaping. The end result will hopefully be a more attractive and enjoyable place for people to visit, shop, walk, eat, and congregate.

In the meantime, during construction, we ask that you stay informed about the project. There are several ways to do this:

1. **Memorial Hall Library's website:** www.mhl.org/main_street_project.htm
2. **The Town of Andover website:** www.andoverma.gov
(Note: Both websites will be updated as information is received.)
3. **Town News:** Town news is an e-notice service that anyone can subscribe to and can be found on the Town's website (listed above). The e-notices are weekly and give general updates.
4. **Direct Email:** For direct emails from the Planning Division, please contact Paula Hamel at (978) 623-8310. The notices will typically be weekly and will give detailed updates.
5. **Direct Mail:** If you would like to continue to receive letters by mail, please contact Paula Hamel at (978) 623-8310 with your name and address and you will be added to the direct mail list. The notices will be periodic and will give general, but at times, detailed updates.
6. **Keep reading the local newspaper!**

The Main Street Committee invites you to attend a meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Please look to the above media avenues to find out more information. We expect that by the end of May and/or early June, we will have a more accurate understanding of the project's timeline and potential issues.

Please circulate this information to anyone that is interested in learning more about the project. You may contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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