

Gas Emergency Impact Area Road and Sidewalk Restoration Project

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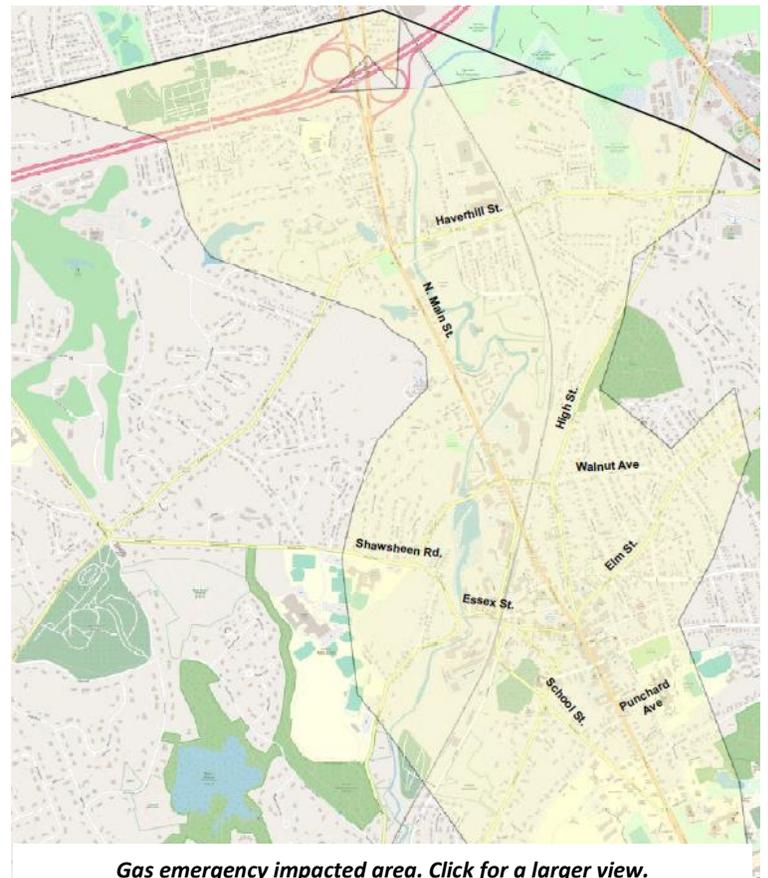
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Project Description

As a result of Columbia Gas's disturbance to public roads and sidewalks during the gas emergency and gas restoration last fall, the Town will be undertaking restoration and paving of approximately 19 miles of roadway. The Public Works Department will be responsible for overseeing the road/sidewalk restoration project. The project is estimated to take 4 years, however with good project coordination, a large portion of work will be completed in advance of this time frame.

Road paving selection and schedule will follow a similar objective process as found in our annual Roads Program, however we will be taking a neighborhood approach such that roads in the same vicinity will be grouped/paved together in order to minimize disruptions to residents/businesses. Paving schedule will be heavily weighted on coordination with several ongoing Town/State projects.



Gas emergency impacted area. Click for a larger view.

While we develop the complete schedule for all roadwork, we have identified the Balmoral Road neighborhood to begin the project. Work progress will be periodically updated on our website, and remaining work will be performed in the following years.

As we move forward with developing the schedule for all roadwork, we will conduct public information meetings to receive input, review alternatives and communicate project plans. As the project progresses, we will also make full use of the Town's website and social media accounts to provide timely information to residents/businesses.

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Project Challenges

Along with coordination efforts, one of the largest challenges of this project will be ensuring that upgraded sidewalks and ramps comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Given existing site constraints such as adjacent topography, driveways, shade trees and narrow walkways, many aspects of the project will need further engineering review/design and may necessitate drainage system upgrades.

We're In This Together

Understanding the impact that the gas emergency caused to our community, it is our goal is to restore the roads as safely and quickly as possible. A project of this size and scope will undoubtedly have an impact on traffic and everyday life. We will endeavor to provide timely and relevant information on the project so as to cause the least amount of disruption possible.

Next Steps

Over the next few months we will be working with our engineer to develop a full schedule/ scope of work. Later this fall, we will conduct public information meetings to receive input, review alternatives and communicate project plans.

Stay Informed

For more info, including project details, maps and updates, please see the Town's website: [AndoverMA.Gov/RestoreAndover](https://www.andoverma.gov/RestoreAndover)



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Project FAQ

Who is overseeing the project?

The Town of Andover will be overseeing the restoration work through the Public Works Department. Contractors will be selected and working for the Town through a Public Bid process.

How long will the project take?

The project will be broken up into multiple phases. It will take approximately 4 years for all work and road paving to be completed, however we expect the first construction contract to be underway/completed this fall (2019).

What type of work is being done?

The Town will be resurfacing impacted roads with asphalt paving. Public sidewalks and curbing disturbed by gas trenches will be replaced. Pedestrian ramps and crosswalks will be upgraded to meet ADA accessibility requirements. Upon completion of all construction, adjacent areas within the public right-of-way will be loamed and seeded.

How will I know when my road is scheduled?

The Town will be conducting public information meetings to discuss the project. These meetings will be advertised on the Town's website and through social media. Prior to the start of construction on your street, the Town will be delivering a letter to all abutters along the street.

How much will the work cost?

The total cost of the project is approximately \$13,965,000.00.

Who is paying for the work?

Columbia Gas, through funds provided via the settlement agreement, is paying for road and sidewalk restoration work. More information can be found at: AndoverA.Gov/RestoreAndover



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