

Gas Emergency Impact Area Road and Sidewalk Restoration Project

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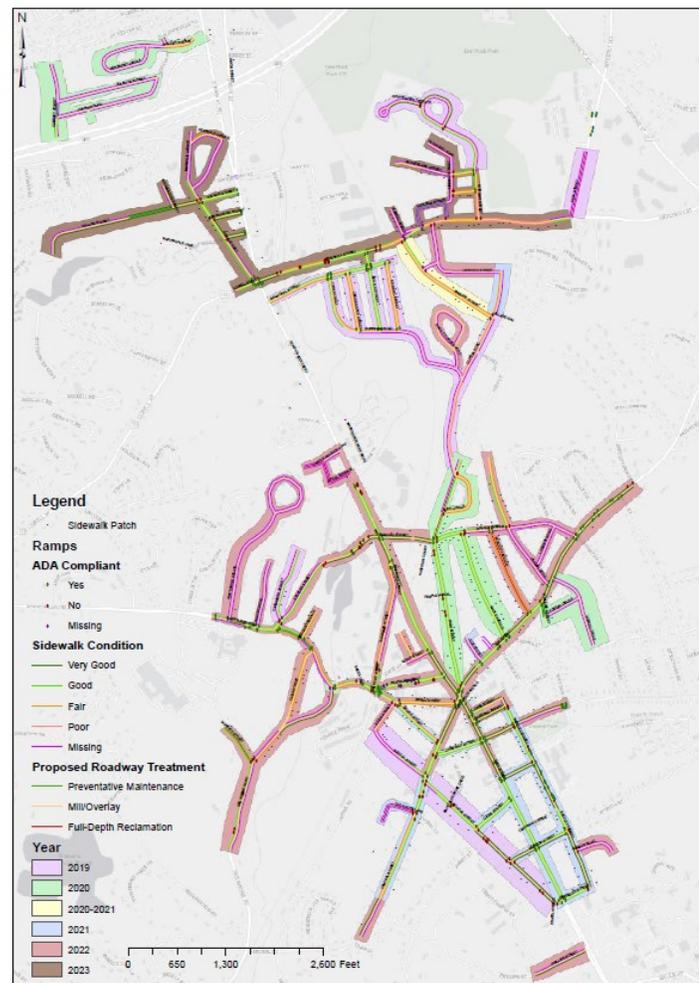
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Project Description

As a result of Columbia Gas's disturbance to public roads and sidewalks during the gas emergency of September 13, 2018, the Town has been undertaking the restoration and paving of approximately 19 miles of roadway. The Public Works Department has been 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.

As of September 2021, the Town has completed approximately 8.4 miles of paving with another 11.2 miles remaining to be completed. While the work schedule has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and associated water main construction, the Town intends on completing all remaining paving by December of 2023. Work progress is continually updated on our website.

As we continue to move forward with 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. Please keep up to date by visiting AndoverMA.Gov/Projects.



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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.



Stay Informed

For more information on projects related to the gas explosion, including project details, costs and related links, please see the Town's website: AndoverMA.Gov/RestoreAndover.

To keep up to date on active projects and roadway construction, please visit AndoverMA.Gov/Projects. Residents can also subscribe to Project News to receive alerts, via text or email, every time a News Flash item is posted or updated. Visit the [Notify Me page](#) on the Town's website to subscribe to Project News.



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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 is broken up into 5 phases. It will take approximately 4 years for all work and road paving to be completed.

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, on select projects identified as part of the restoration plan. 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 [final settlement agreement](#), is paying for road and sidewalk restoration work. More information including the final settlement agreement between Columbia Gas and The City of Lawrence, the Town of Andover and the Town of North Andover, can be found on the Town's website at: AndoverA.Gov/RestoreAndover



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