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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2024

TO: Marc Laredo, City Council President
Members of City Council

FROM: Barney Heath, Director, Department of Planning and Development
Jennifer Caira, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Development
Olivia James, Community Engagement Specialist

RE: **Washington Street Public Meeting April 11 at 6:00 PM**

MEETING: April 8, 2024

CC: Jim McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works
Ned Codd, Director of Transportation
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

Following the City Council's endorsement of the two way south side shared use bike and pedestrian path concept plan for the Washington Street pilot, the design is at the 75% stage. The project scope is along Washington Street between Lowell Avenue and Chestnut Street. It features a south side shared-use path, left-turn pocket lanes, plantings to help screen the turnpike, accessible bus stops, and new highly visible pedestrian crossings. Much of the parking is retained through this design and elements intended to reduce traffic speeds will help to increase safety along this corridor.

Join us Thursday, April 11 to see the current design which will be presented by our consultant, Howard Stein Hudson, DPW, and Planning staff. This will be a virtual information meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. Please click the link below to join the meeting:

<https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/85316186110> or One tap mobile :+13092053325,,85316186110#

Please share this project with your constituents and encourage them to participate in the upcoming public meeting. For more information on the project, [click here](#). See Attachment A for the meeting flyer.

Attachment A

Meeting flyer

WASHINGTON STREET PILOT PROJECT



DRAFT Concept Design of South Side Path with Boulevard Features

The City of Newton is planning safety improvements to Washington Street between Chestnut Street in West Newton and Lowell Avenue in Newtonville. Our goal is to create a more **safe, attractive, friendly,** and **welcoming environment** for everyone walking, biking, driving, parking, and taking transit.

Key features of the pilot project:

- Adds landscaping and accessible bus stops
- Improves visibility at intersections
- Maintains parking on the north and south side of the street
- Retains access to all existing driveways
- Provides a protected south side shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Includes left-turn lane pockets at high-traffic intersections

Public Meeting April 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

A public meeting will be held remotely on April 11 at 6:00 PM. To attend, find the zoom link on the right side of our project web page www.newtonma.gov/washingtonstreet.



For questions and information please email: washingtonstreet@newtonma.gov