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## Carriageway Easements - 230,000

The City of Newton and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division (MassDOT) are working together to reconstruct Commonwealth Avenue and the Carriage Way in Auburndale from Lyons Field (approximately Higgins Road) to the Newton Marriott Hotel (approximately Auburn Street). This project will improve safety and access for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, create new green space, construct a continuous shared walking and bicycle path along the Carriage Way, as well as improve transit access by upgrading bus stops.

As part of the reconstruction project, the City is required to take temporary construction easements from abutting properties along their frontage to the construction zone. This requirement is due to the Federal and State funding for this project. The City is required to offer financial compensation to the abutters for the taking of these temporary easements for up to three years (3 construction seasons), per Mass DOT requirements. The City's consulting engineer and their appraisal subconsultant, have prepared land appraisals for each of the temporary easements.

The total cost of the three-year temporary easements along the entire project area is approximately \$230,000. The State is funding the rest of the \$6.8 million construction project, as part of a larger Route 30 project to reconstruct the bridge over the Charles River and revamp the Auburn Street intersection into a roundabout.