

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Salvucci, Yates, and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Gentile and Mansfield

Also present: Ald. Baker, Ciccone, Johnson, and Linsky

City staff present: Lou Taverna (City Engineer), James Marini (Superintendent of Schools), Arthur Cabral (Special Project and Budget Specialist; Public Buildings Department), Nick Parnell (Commissioner of Public Buildings), Heidi Black (Administrator of High School Construction and Strategic Planning; School Department), Sandra Guryan (Director of Finance; School Department), Dori Zaleznik (School Committee), Jonathan Yeo (School Committee), Danielle Bailey (Community Development Planner), Clint Schuckel (Traffic Engineer), Jim Danila (Transportation Engineer), and Shawna Sullivan (Committee Clerk)

#352-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 223' ± of conduit in WOODWARD STREET from Woodward Street at Boylston Street northwesterly to Pole #478. (Ward 5) [10/01/09@ 2:12 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 5-0-1 (Albright abstaining)**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll, NStar Permit Representative, presented the petition to the Committee. The additional conduit will provide an additional circuit, which will improve capacity and reliability. The conduit would be installed underground.

Ald. Albright asked if it were possible to underground all of the overhead wires in the area, as the street would already be open. Ald. Salvucci stated that there would be a cost to the City if NStar underground the wires. Ald. Albright suggested that instead of undergrounding the wires NStar could install additional conduit for future use should the wires be undergrounded. Ms. Carroll responded that she could not speak to undergrounding the wires or the possibility of installing additional conduit but would provide Ald. Albright with contact information to obtain more information. Ald. Albright stated that she would contact NStar to determine what would be necessary to underground the wires.

Ald. Yates inquired how much of the City of Newton would benefit from the improvement to capacity and reliability. Ms. Carroll could not answer the question but will provide the Committee with further data on the improvements impact to the City.

City Engineer Lou Taverna pointed out that a section of Woodward Street was resurfaced in 2007. Therefore, NStar will be required to cold plane and overlay that section of Woodward Street as part of the street opening permit. He also stated that the project will require a police detail and will require a permit from Mass Highway to work on Boylston Street.

Ald. Yates moved approval subject to second call in the hopes that the requested information regarding the possibility of additional conduit and the area associated with

improvements to reliability and capacity be provided to the Committee by the next Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion carried by a vote of five in favor and one abstention.

#353-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 375'± of conduit and two new manholes in MAPLE AVENUE from Church Street at Maple Avenue southerly to proposed Manhole #29138. (Ward 1) [09/22/09 @12:20 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 6-0**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll, NStar Permit Representative, stated that the petition is to install underground conduit in Maple Avenue to improve reliability and capacity. Ald. Albright asked if there were above ground wires on the street. Ms. Carroll stated that the wires for the street are underground. Ald. Lennon is aware of a problem at 200R Church Street, which is just beyond the scope of the proposed project. There is a utility pole located approximately 2' from the front door of 200R Church Street. The owners recently completed a renovation of the home and would like the pole moved. The owners have been working with Verizon to move the pole. Ald. Lennon thought that it would be beneficial for Verizon and NStar to work together to determine how to proceed with the movement of the pole. Ms. Carroll asked Ald. Lennon for the contact information of the property owners in order to have a customer service representative call the owners. Ald. Lennon did not feel it would be a good idea for a customer service person to call and suggested that a senior representative should be the person to make the phone call. Ms. Carroll will call the property owners and contact Verizon regarding the pole. Ald. Lennon moved approval of the item subject to second call, as he would like Ms. Carroll to make contact with Verizon and the property owners before the next Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six in favor.

#354-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install a total of 160'± of conduit as follows: 20'± in BEACON STREET southwesterly from Manhole #18338 to Manhole #18342 and 140'± in WYMAN STREET from Manhole #16146 140'± southeasterly to Pole #479/11. (Ward 5) [09/22/09@12:21 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 4-0-1 (Albright abstaining; Lennon not voting)**

NOTE: NStar Permit Representative, Maureen Carroll, presented the petition to install 20' of conduit in Beacon Street and 140' of conduit in Wyman Street, which will add another NStar circuit. The additional conduit is needed to increase capacity and improve reliability within the NStar system. Ald. Albright inquired if NStar would be willing to provide additional conduit for possible future undergrounding of wire. Ms. Carroll stated that she would provide any information she can gather on that to the committee clerk, who can forward the information to the Committee. Ald. Schnipper asked how large an area would be impacted by the upgrade. Ms. Carroll will provide that information to the committee clerk. Ald. Yates questioned how long the project would take to complete. Ms. Carroll explained that the portion on Beacon Street could be done in a day. However, the Wyman Street portion could take up to two weeks to complete. The Department of Public Works recommended approval of the petition with the standard conditions. Ald. Yates moved approval of the item subject to second call in order to give Ms. Carroll the opportunity to provide the requested information by the next Board of Aldermen meeting, which carried unanimously.

#355-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 310'± of conduit in WOODWARD STREET from Pole #478/49 southwesterly 285'± to BEACON STREET continuing 25'± southwesterly to Manhole #18408. (Ward 5) [09/22/09@12:21 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 4-0-1 (Albright abstaining; Lennon not voting)**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll presented the petition for a grant of location to install 285' of conduit in Woodward Street and 25' of conduit in Beacon Street. The new conduit will provide improved reliability and increased capacity to the NStar system. Ald. Yates voiced concern about traffic problems in Waban Square during the installation of the conduit. Ms. Carroll and City Engineer, Lou Taverna, stated that there would be a police detail during construction. Mr. Taverna explained that there would be several conditions added to the street opening permit.

Ald. Yates asked how NStar determined the need for improvements and additional capacity in an area. Ald. Albright inquired if NStar would be willing to provide additional conduit for possible future undergrounding of wire. Ald. Schnipper requested the sequencing of the NStar projects in the Waban area. Ms. Carroll stated that she would provide the requested information. Ald. Yates moved approval subject to second call, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#288-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate and expend one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the installation of four modular classrooms at the Oak Hill Middle School and for design work for modulars at the Day Middle School. [09/15/09 @ 1:28 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: The request for funds for four modular classrooms at Oak Hill Middle School and design work for possible modular classrooms at Day Middle School was discussed at the October 21, 2009 Public Facilities Committee meeting and held for additional information. Sandra Guryan, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Finance, and Planning provided the Committee with a preliminary enrollment report for 2009-2010, which was attached to the agenda. Superintendent of Schools, James Marini, joined the Committee for discussion of the item. He stated that the School Committee has been working a number of years on the space issue within the schools. The School Department looked at how to resolve the space issue utilizing current space. If the School Department were to redistrict, it would not be sustainable. Within a few years, the middle schools would be out of space and some class sizes at Oak Hill Middle School would be over thirty students.

The Superintendent addressed the question of moving the special education programs at Oak Hill Middle School to provide additional space at the school. The Superintendent explained that it is important for children to go to school within their community. The School Department cannot balance the school size on the backs of the special education programs. The special education programs are spread across the middle schools. The programs provide significant savings to the City because they reduce the need for out of district placements.

The Superintendent also reviewed the enrollment figures for the upcoming two years. The School Department is trying to stabilize team size at Oak Hill Middle School, as projections show team sizes over 100 students in the next few years. The School Department's goal for team sizes is 90 students per middle school team. The current average team size is approximately 90 students; however, the Oak Hill Middle School has an average of 95 students per team. There has been a significant amount of work done by the School Committee and the School Department to arrive at the decision for modular classrooms at Oak Hill Middle School and the request for funds to look at space options at Day Middle School.

Ald. Albright asked if the School Department had looked at the possibility of redistricting some students to Bigelow Middle School and then to Newton North High School. Mr. Marini responded that if the School Department opted to redistrict, it would create space issues at Bigelow Middle School in the future. In addition, it would skew the balance at the high schools that the School Department has worked hard to create. Ald. Albright inquired how many teachers would be needed to staff the new classrooms and if there was money available to pay the teachers. Mr. Marini stated that there are four teachers needed and the funding would be built into the budget. Ald. Lennon understood the programmatic need for the classrooms but he would like to be sure that teachers are available for the classrooms. It would be a priority for the School Department to staff the modular classrooms.

Ald. Sangiolo questioned whether Commissioner Parnell had an opportunity to find out whether it would be beneficial to order the four middle school modular classrooms and the five proposed elementary school modular classrooms. The Commissioner informed the Ald. Sangiolo that it would generate between 5% and 10% savings, if the additional modular classrooms were ordered. Ald. Sangiolo stated that it makes sense to order all of the modular classrooms, as it saves money and the City would need the other modular classrooms.

Commissioner Parnell provided photographs of sustainable modular classrooms. He explained that standard modular classrooms are more susceptible to mold and mildew but the sustainable modulars are made with a rigid insulation, which reduces mold. The sustainable modular classrooms provide more light to the modular classrooms and are much sturdier. Although the sustainable modular classrooms are more expensive, they do not require as much investment for maintenance once they are installed. It would be necessary to construct a connector between the school and modular classrooms. Mr. Marini pointed out that it would be possible to provide a brick skin on the modular classrooms if it was so desired.

Ald. Schnipper asked if the modular classrooms would still be located at the back of the school. Mr. Parnell responded that the classrooms would be located in the parking lot at the back of the school. Ald. Yates inquired what the impact of losing 12 spaces would be to the parents and teachers. The Commissioner responded that there are additional parking spaces on Wheeler Road and it would be possible to dedicate parking spaces behind Brown Middle School if necessary.

The Commissioner stated that the timeframe for installing the modular classrooms for the next school year was tight. He would like to bring the design for the modular classrooms for Oak Hill back to the Board in eight weeks for site plan approval. Ald. Lappin requested that the School Department provide the Board with an estimate of the cost of the furniture and equipment

for the proposed modular classrooms. Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#368-08 ALD. LINSKY requesting approval of the Board of Aldermen of the design for improvements affecting the area where Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street intersect including a traffic island, curb extensions and the dead ending of Lowell Avenue. [10/14/08 @ 12:53 PM]

ACTION: **A) APPROVED 6-0 CURB EXTENSIONS AND TRAFFIC ISLAND @ INTERSECTION OF WALNUT STREET & LOWELL AVENUE**
B) HELD 6-0 LOWELL AVENUE CLOSURE AT WATERTOWN STREET

NOTE: The Committee previously discussed the item on November 19, 2008 and held it for further information. At that meeting, Ald. Lappin requested that a demonstration of a truck and bus turning from Walnut Street to Watertown Street take place. In addition, she requested the cost of moving the pole at the corner of Walnut and Watertown Streets, the traffic and pedestrian counts for the area, as well as an explanation of what the barrier at Lowell will look like and a response from the Fire Chief regarding the barrier. Ald. Albright asked what would be the impact of a parking restriction on Watertown Street during rush hour. The Traffic Engineer, Clint Schuckel, agreed to provide the requested information before the item was discussed again. At this point in time, Mr. Schuckel has the requested information available.

Mr. Schuckel provided the attached PowerPoint presentation. It covered the history of the docket item. The project is an attempt to make safety improvements at the intersection of Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street. From the Department of Public Works Department perspective, the goal is to enhance safety. The Fire Department would agree to the full closure of Lowell Avenue at Watertown Street as long as they have the ability to preempt the traffic lights at Crafts Street and Watertown and Walnut Streets. Mr. Schuckel reviewed the changes at each of the intersections and the addition of curb extensions and islands. Mr. Schuckel would like some direction from the Committee on whether the changes should become permanent.

Several members of the Committee felt that the island at Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue was a positive change as it allows vehicles to get further into the intersection, which provides a better view of oncoming traffic. Ald. Johnson inquired if it were possible to put the traffic overhead at the Walnut Street/Watertown Street intersection, as it would provide more clearance for trucks and buses turning onto Watertown Street. Mr. Schuckel responded that it would not achieve that goal without moving the utility poles located on the sidewalk. The movement of the utilities poles would be a great expense.

Ald. Linsky stated that the City and neighborhood worked very hard on the aspects of the plan and it would provide a beautiful park for the neighborhood. He was very impressed by the data provided by the Traffic Engineer and the data shows significant improvements in safety. Ald. Johnson voiced concern that the residents of Watertown Street across from the park have stated that they are unable to get out of their driveways. Jose Sierra, 575 Watertown Street, asked if there was a breakdown of accidents between when Lowell Avenue was a one-way street and the full closure of Lowell Avenue. Mr. Schuckel replied that he did not have the data but he could provide it. Mr. Sierra felt that it was critical data and needed to determine how to base the decision on whether to fully close Lowell Avenue.

Lauren Krull, 46 Lowell Avenue, has noticed the reduction in accidents in the area. She is in favor of the closure and additional islands. Florence Salvucci, 567 Watertown Street, has never had a problem until the closure of Lowell Avenue. It is impossible to get out of the driveway and the increased traffic wakes her up every morning. She suggested that the City make Lowell Avenue a one-way to relieve some of the traffic on Watertown Street. Larry Cedrone, 106 Walnut Street, stated that he cannot go down Watertown Street because of right lane traffic on Walnut Street that backs up to Linwood Avenue. John Cedrone, 331 Newtonville Avenue, spoke with a member of the Fire Department, who said he did not agree with the decision to close Lowell Avenue. Mr. Cedrone submitted the attached petition signed by Newton residents stating their opposition to the closing of Lowell Avenue. Giles Taylor, Lowell Avenue, reviewed the traffic data and felt it reflected an improvement to safety. He believes that the park and the traffic improvements are intimately connected. It is his hope that the Board would approve the safety enhancements. Anthony Pelligrini, Clinton Street, spoke on the proposed closure. Mr. Pelligrini is a truck driver and he finds it very difficult to negotiate the right turn from Walnut Street to Watertown Street. Mr. Pelligrini has spoken to a number business located on Watertown Street in Nonantum and they are opposed to the closure of Lowell Avenue.

Ald. Ciccone provided the Committee with photos of the intersection of Walnut Street and Watertown Street. It is his opinion that the closure of Lowell Avenue creates a dangerous intersection at Walnut and Watertown Streets. He provided the attached photos to support his opinion. He would like Lowell Avenue to be a one-way street from Walnut Street to Crafts Street. He also pointed out that the closure has caused flooding at the end of Lowell Avenue.

Ald. Lappin asked how the Ward Two Aldermen felt about the project. Ald. Linsky stated that it is first about the park but he has always felt that the Lowell Avenue intersection desperately needed safety improvements. He generally likes the change but has some questions about the Walnut/Watertown Street intersection. Ald. Johnson drives through the intersections on a regular basis and the work done at the Lowell Walnut Street intersection is outstanding. She also hears what the Watertown Street residents are saying and would like to address the issues. She generally supports the project. Mr. Schuckel could look at adjusting the lights at the intersections on Watertown Street to optimize the signalization.

Ald. Lennon is in favor of a one-way on Lowell Avenue and would like to find a safe alternative to the closure of Lowell Avenue. Ald. Lappin asked if it were possible to get computer generated turning radiuses at the intersection of Watertown and Walnut Streets. Mr. Schuckel stated that the software would say that a bus has a difficult time making the right lane turn. Ald. Salvucci inquired if there would be drainage installed at the closure of Lowell Avenue. Mr. Schuckel responded that drainage would be installed. Ald. Salvucci also suggested that Mr. Schuckel investigate moving the poles back from the street at the intersection of Walnut and Watertown Streets. Ald. Johnson requested that Ald. Lennon and Ciccone investigate why trucks cannot use Crafts Street, as it seems like a viable option instead of Walnut Street.

The Committee split the item into two parts. Part A was for the traffic island at Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue and the curb extensions to create a safer crossing. Ald. Albright moved approval of Part A, which carried unanimously. The Committee opted to hold Part B, which was the closure of Lowell Avenue for further information.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#374-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of the continued cleanup of various 21E sites at the Cabot School, Horace Mann School, and NSHS football field. [10/27/09 @ 3:10 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Commissioner Parnell and Arthur Cabral of the Public Buildings Department reviewed the request for \$25,000 for continued cleanup of 21E sites at Cabot Elementary School, Horace Mann Elementary School and the Newton South High School football field. The funds would cover the cost to the city from July 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009. Mr. Cabral provided a brief update on each of the sites. The City needs to submit paper work to the Department of Environmental Protection to close out that site. The Cabot Elementary School site should be closed out in the near future. The Horace Mann School site cleanup is expected to continue for the next three to five years. Ald. Lappin asked if the funds included testing at the sites. Mr. Cabral responded that it includes all testing and paperwork associated with the clean up. Ald. Lappin moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PROG. &SER., PUB. FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#359-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one million, nine hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,930,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the snow and ice budgets in the Department of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department to be broken down as follows:

Public Works \$300,000 for salaries, \$525,000 equipment rental and \$650,000 for sand and salt.

Park and Recreation \$30,000 for salaries and \$425,000 for equipment rental.

[10/13/09 @ 5:24 PM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0 on 10/21/09

FINANCE TO MEET

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Lou Taverna presented the request for funds to supplement the snow and ice accounts within the Department of Public Works. The Programs and Services Committee has already approved the request for funds for Parks and Recreation Department. There is currently \$932,000 in the Public Works Department's accounts and the additional funds will bring the total to \$2,407,093. The addition of funds of the funds will reflect the yearly average expended for of snow and ice. Ald. Lennon requested that the department provide the same documentation as last year regarding snow and ice expenditures. Mr. Taverna responded that there is no intention to change the amount of documentation provided to the Board. Ald. Schnipper suggested creating a docket item requesting monthly updates that include comparables from previous expenditures. Ald. Lappin moved approval of the item, which carried.

#385-07 ALD. SCHNIFFER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11/21/07 @ 10:23 AM]

ACTION: **HELD 6-0**

NOTE: The item was held without discussion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 p.m. and all other items were held without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman

Public Facilities

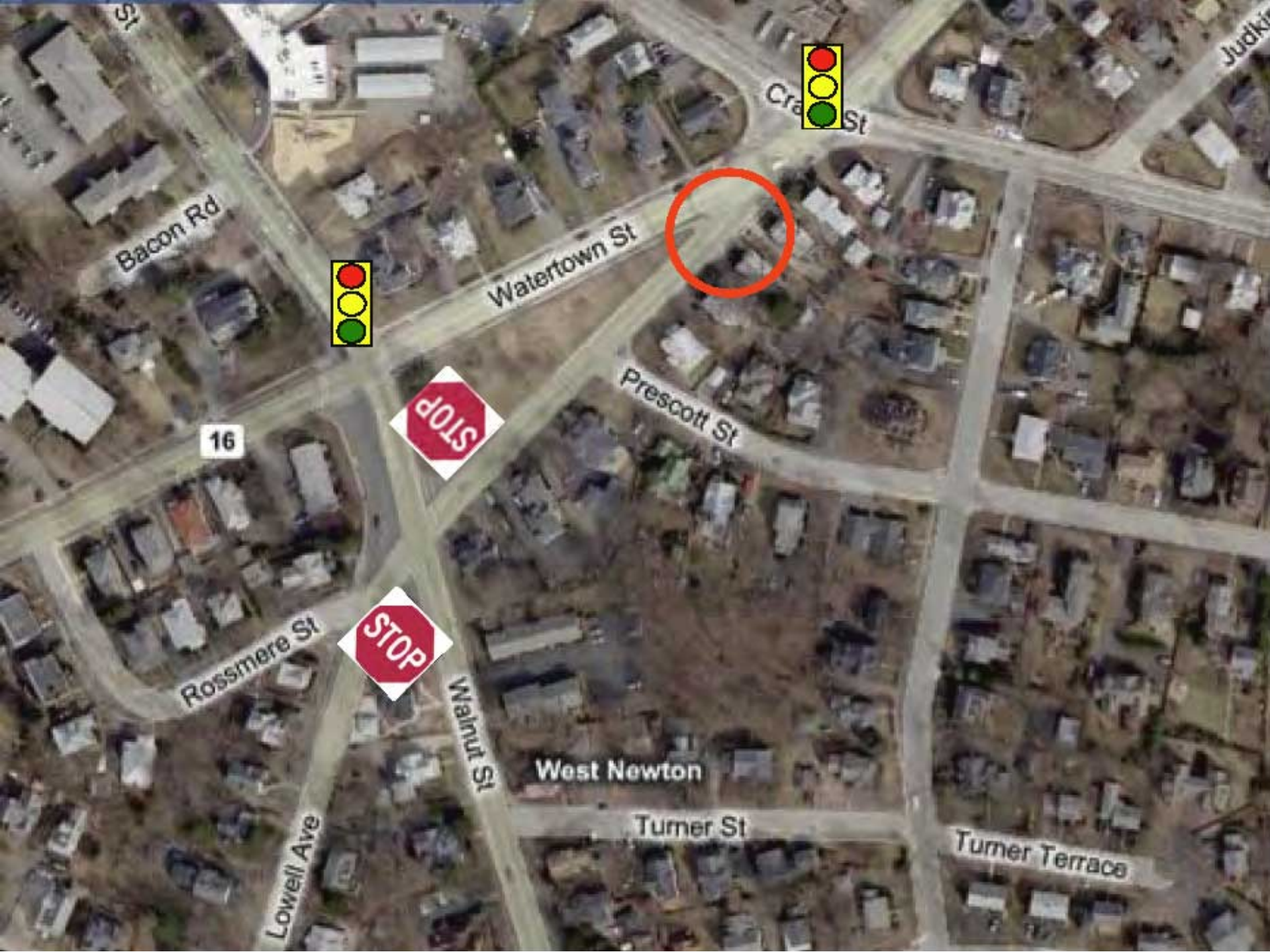
Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Lowell Ave / Watertown St / Crafts St / Walnut St

Docket # 368-08

Request for design approval of
improvements at

Lowell Ave/Crafts St/ Walnut St triangle



Bacon Rd

16

Rossmere St

Lowell Ave

Watertown St

Walnut St

West Newton

Prescott St

Turner St

Turner Terrace

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Docket Item History

- 11/3/04: PS&T approves Yield sign
- 7/13/05: PS&T approves Stop sign

- 10/17/07: Trial # 1 begins: no access from Watertown St to Lowell Ave
- 10/24/07: Left-turn arrow added for westbound Watertown St
- 11/15/07: Traffic Council hearing to discuss Trial # 1

- 3/20/08: Traffic Council approves Trial # 2
- 5/1/08: Trial # 2 begins: Full closure of Lowell Ave @ Watertown St
- 5/22/08: Traffic Council hearing- approved Trial # 2
- 11/19/08: Public Facilities Committee meeting

Trial # 1



Trial # 2
(closure)

4,500
cars/day

2,300
cars/day

(3/13/08 during trial)



16

Bacon Rd

Watertown St

Cra St

Prescott St

Rossmore St

Walnut St

West Newton

Turner St

Turner Terrace

Lowell Ave

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Crash Rate Data

	Pre-Closure (3-year data)	Post-Closure (18-month data)	District 4 Average
Watertown/ Walnut	0.52	0.23	0.78
Watertown/ Crafts/Lowell	1.43	0.74	0.78
Walnut/Lowell	1.33	0.13	0.58

Proposed Improvements

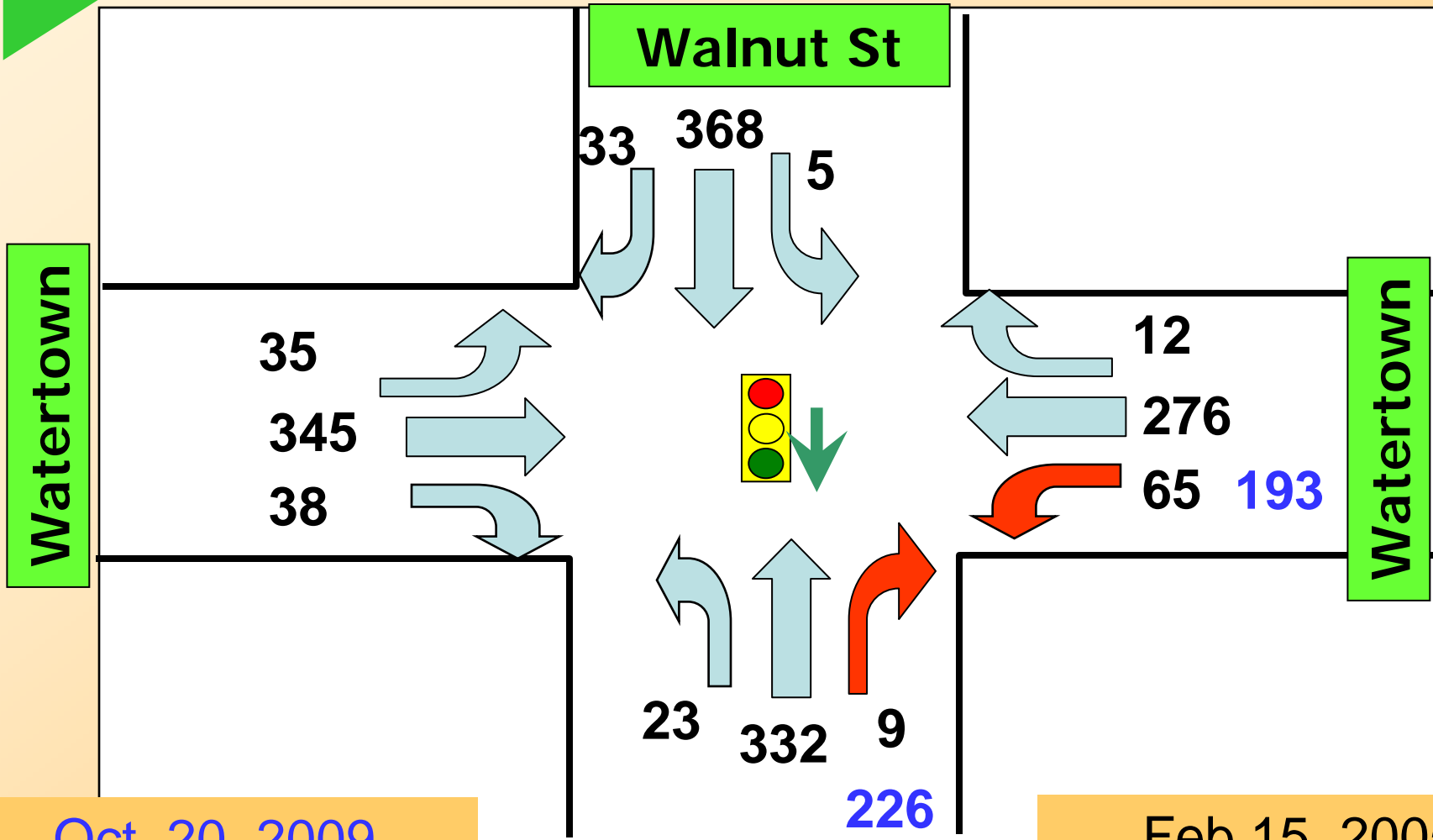
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1. Proposed closure



3. Proposed islands

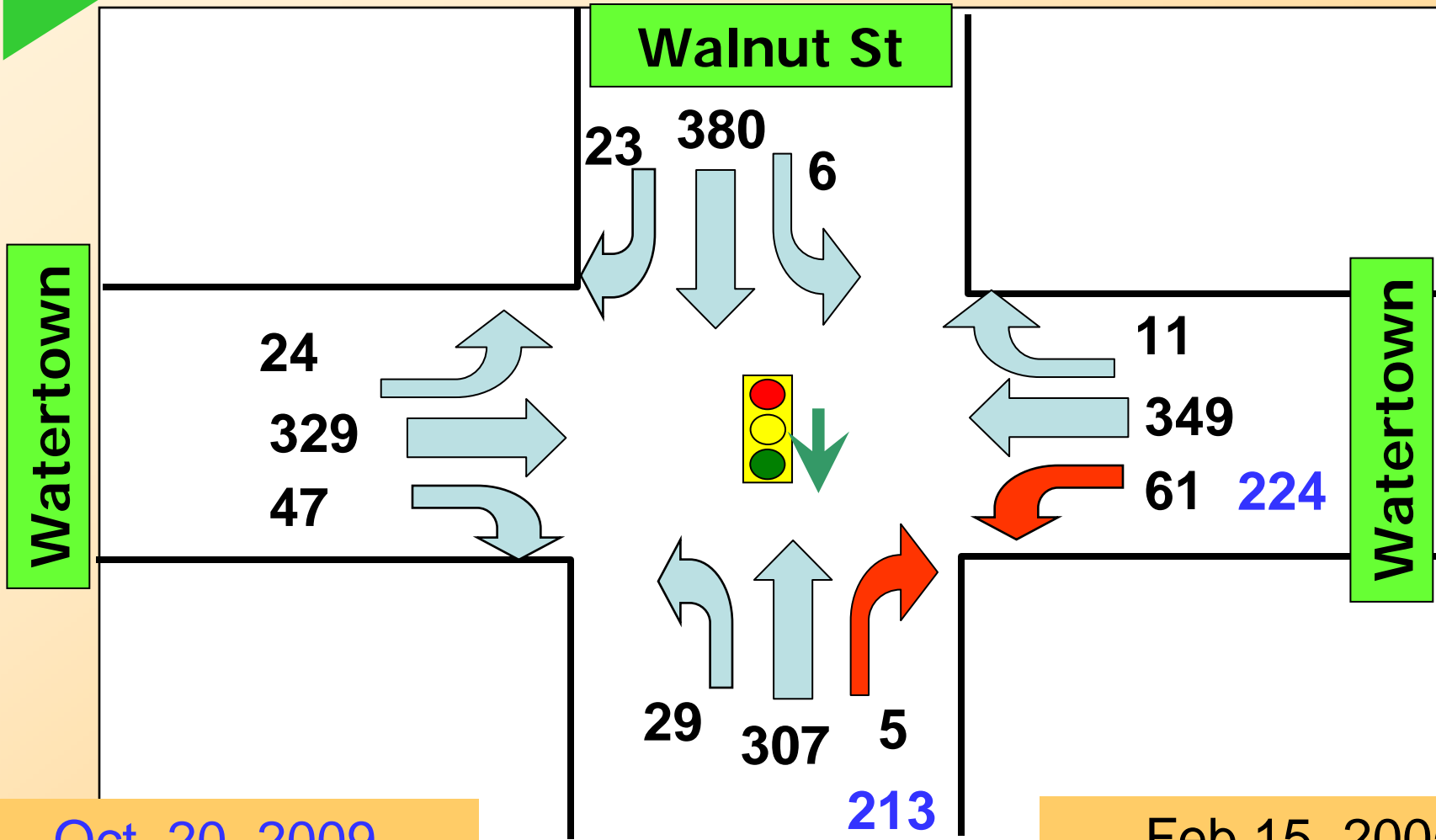
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Oct. 20, 2009
Morning Peak Hour

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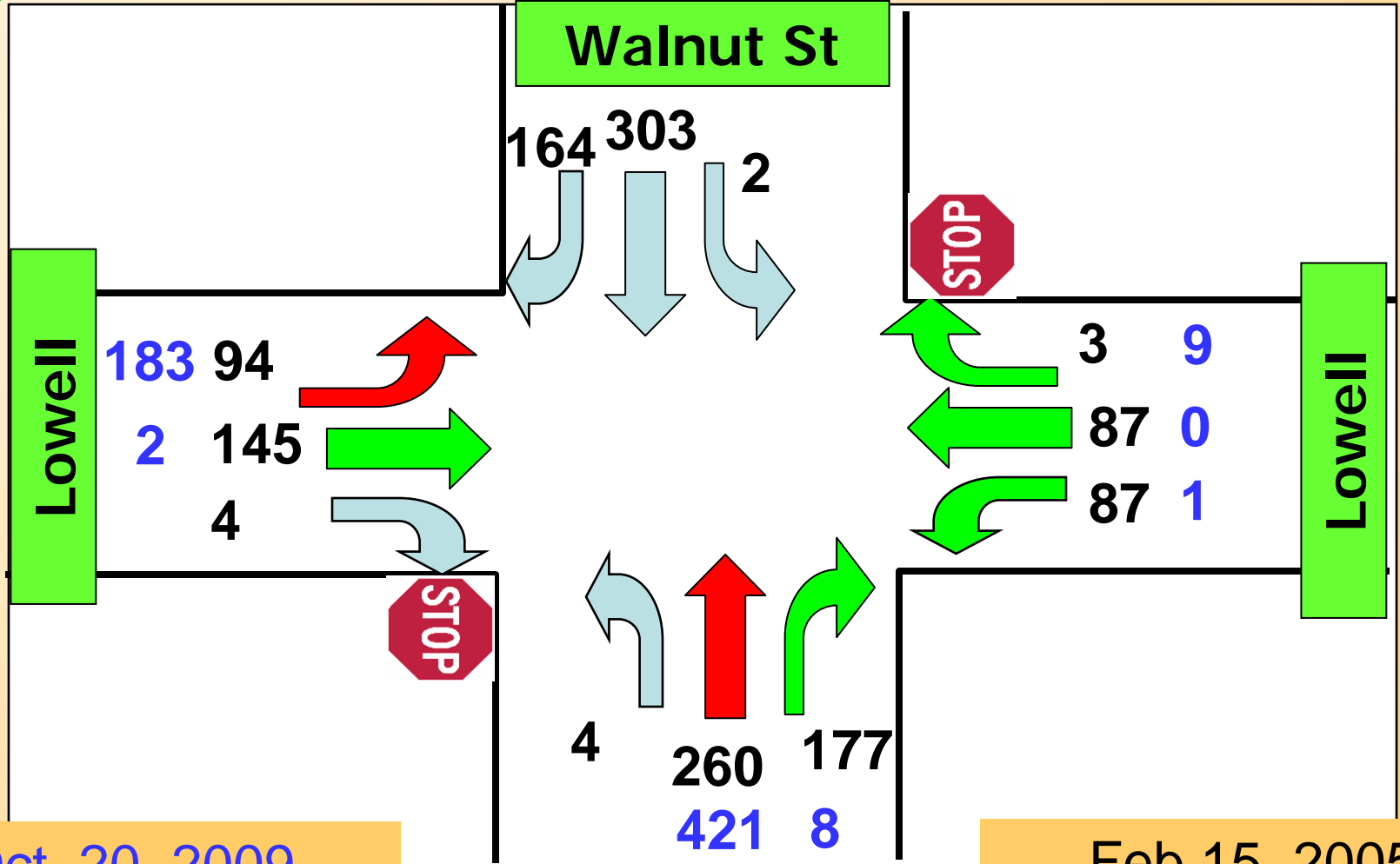
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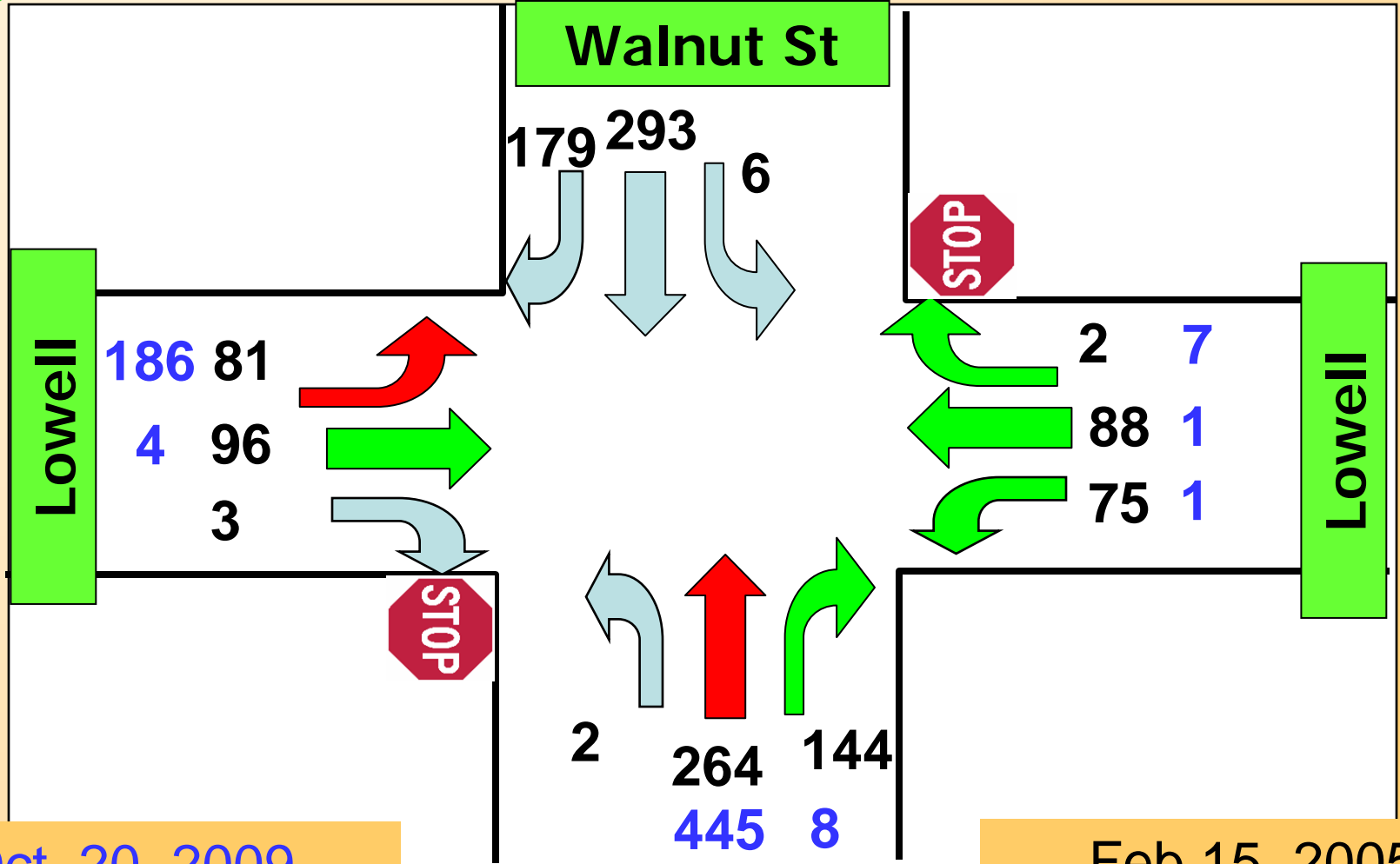
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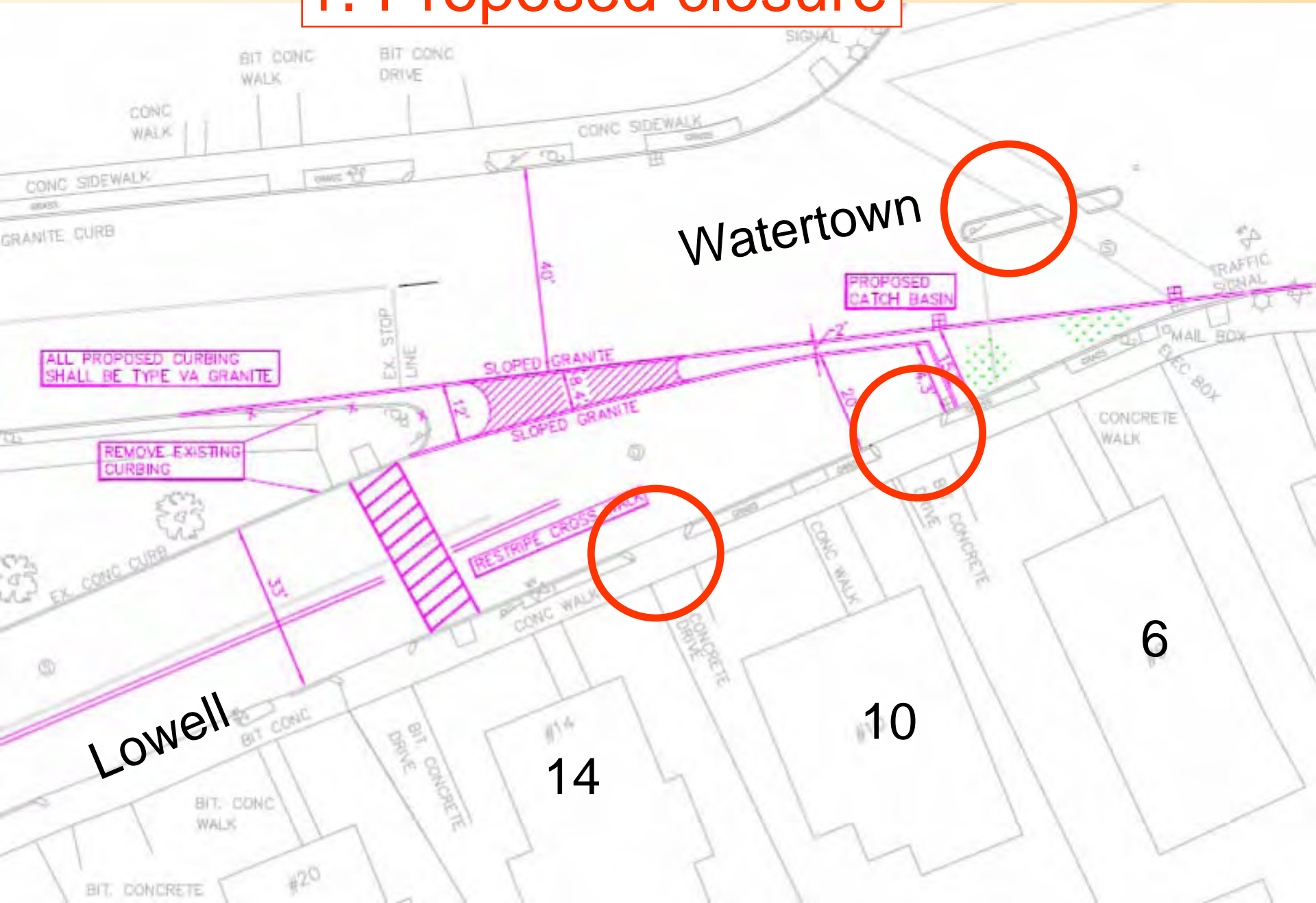
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1. Proposed closure



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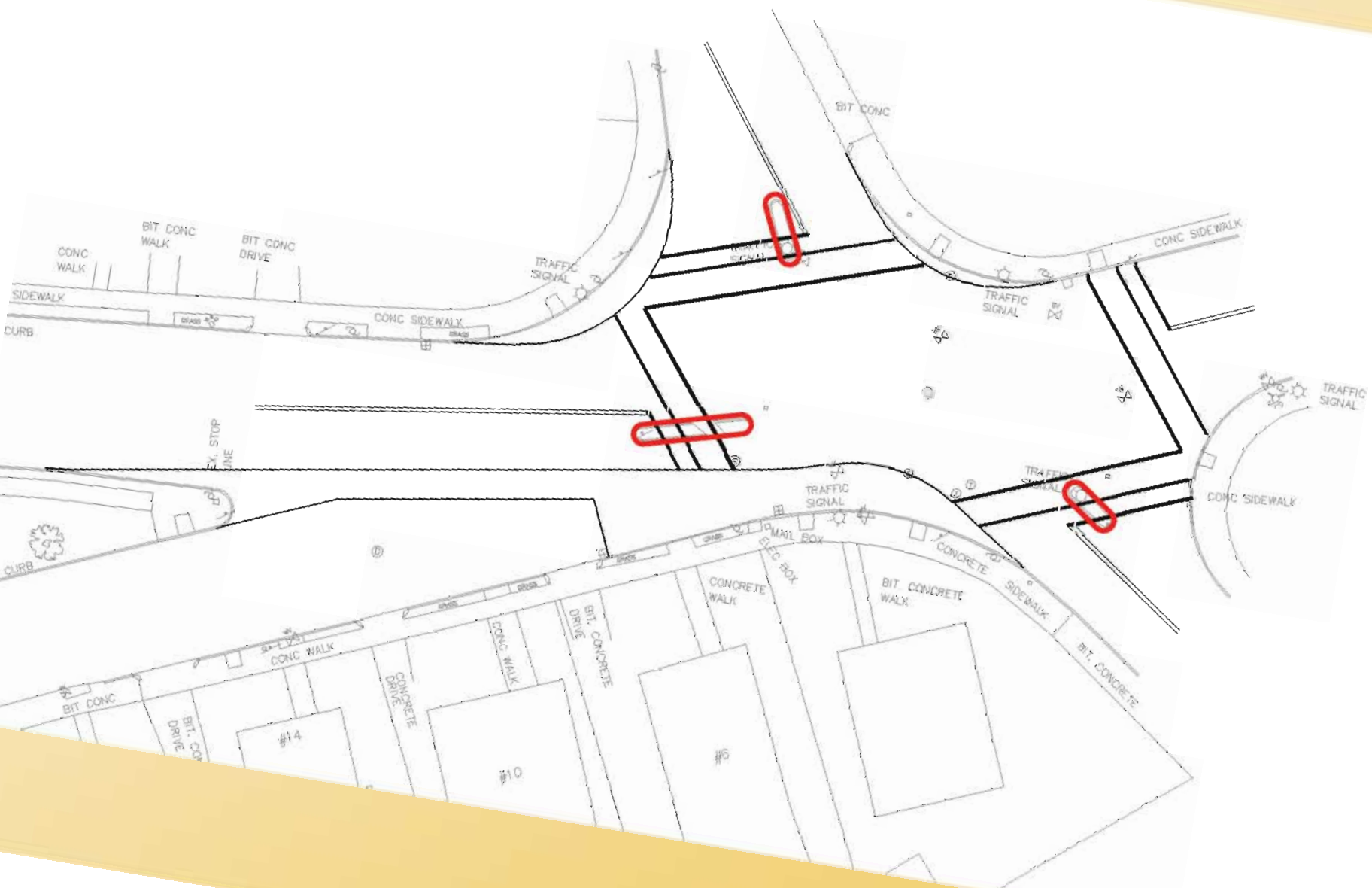
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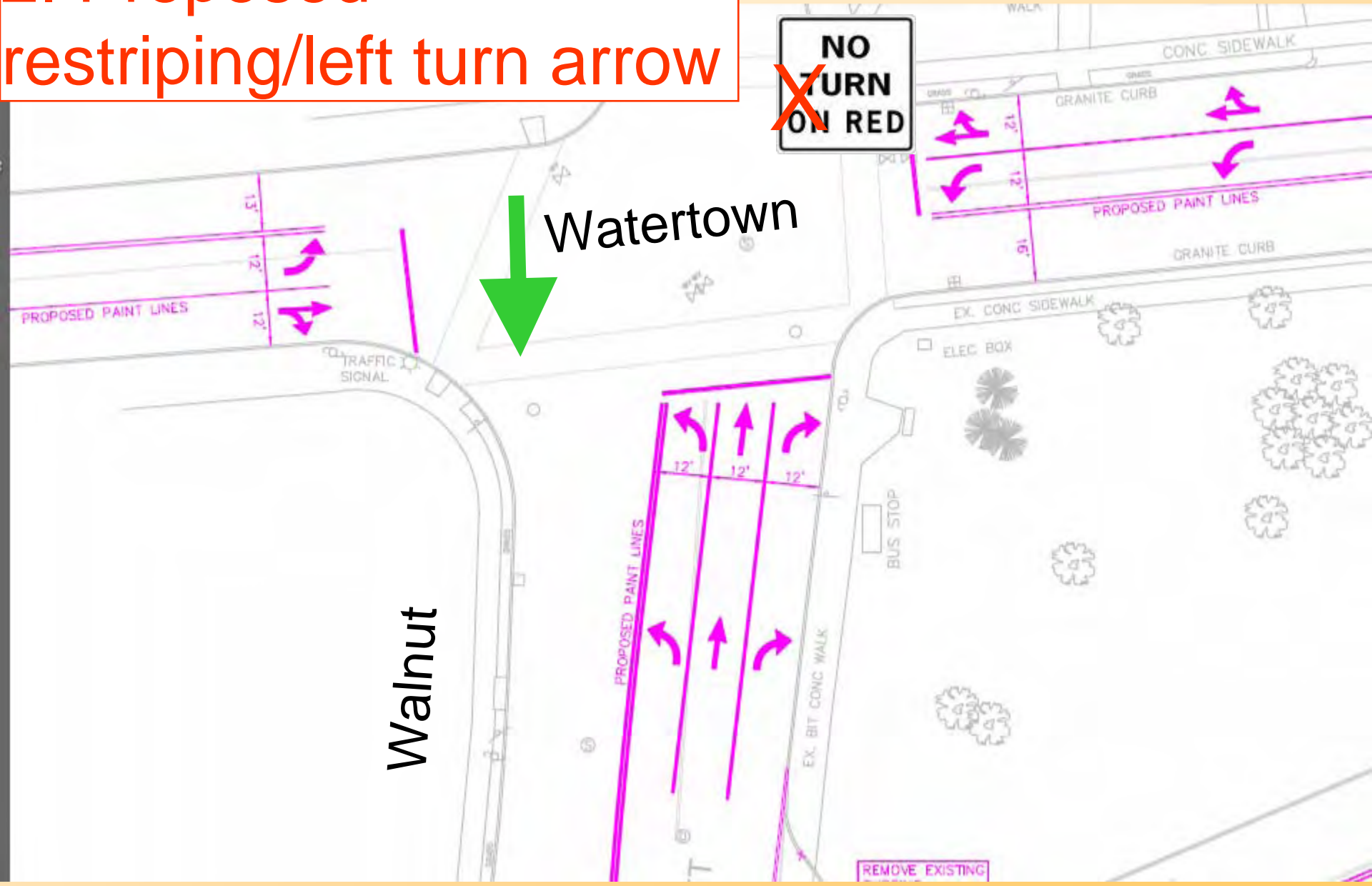
Lowell Ave at Watertown/Crafts







2. Proposed restriping/left turn arrow



Walnut

Watertown

~~NO
TURN
ON RED~~

REMOVE EXISTING

New lane painting on Walnut St at Watertown St



Existing Utilities



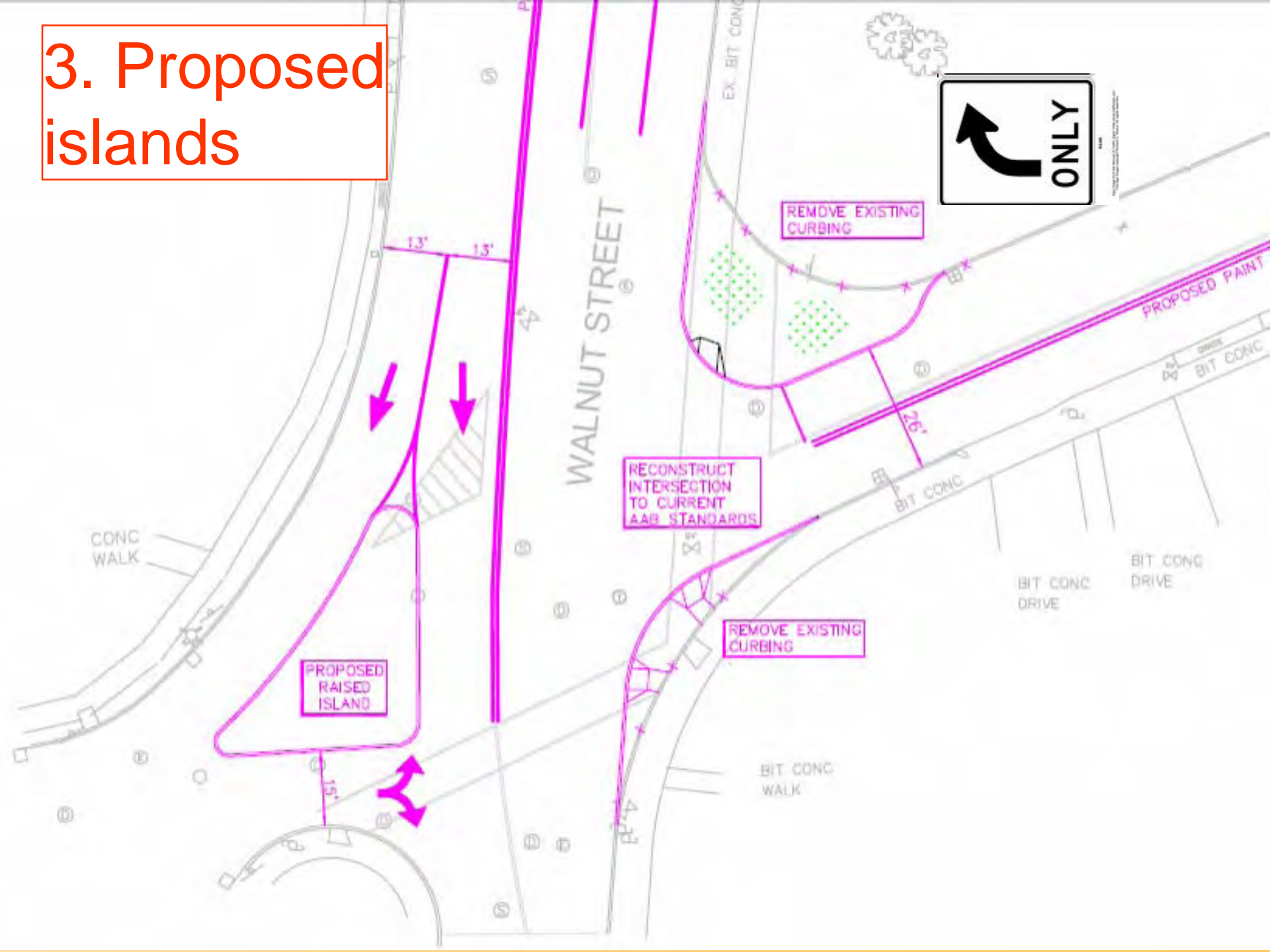
Fire Truck Turning



MBTA Bus Turning



3. Proposed islands





← WALNUT ST →
↑ LOWELL AV ↑

STOP



PETITION

WHEREAS WE, the undersigned, have reviewed the proposed plan(s) for the development of a park on Lowell Avenue (bounded on the North by Watertown Street; on the West by Walnut Street) (the "Lowell Avenue Park") and the proposed plan(s) to restrict traffic on Lowell Avenue between Walnut Street and the Watertown/Crafts Streets intersection) to "local traffic only;" and

WHEREAS WE, the undersigned, have already been detrimentally affected by the closure of Lowell Avenue to local traffic only; by the resulting diversion of Eastbound traffic from Lowell Avenue to Watertown and Walnut Streets; by the increased congestion on Watertown and Walnut Streets; and by the increased risk and number of accidents on Watertown and Walnut Streets (including Walnut Street at or near the Education Center); and

WHEREAS WE, the undersigned, would be further detrimentally affected if further development and/or traffic restrictions are imposed to address the diversion of Eastbound traffic from Lowell Avenue to Watertown Street; and

WHEREAS WE, the undersigned, are OPPOSED to the closure of Lowell Avenue between Walnut Street and the Watertown/Crafts Streets intersection to local traffic only for the aforesaid reasons;

WHEREFORE, WE, the UNDERSIGNED, hereby PETITION the Newton Parks & Recreation Department Commission and the Newton Public Safety and Transportation Committee to oppose the closure of Lowell Avenue between Walnut Street and the Watertown/Crafts Streets intersection to LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY, and to OPPOSE any development of the Lowell Avenue Park that would result in the closure of Lowell Avenue between Walnut Street and the Watertown/Crafts Streets intersection to LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY.

Austin Bryson 20 Murray Road Newton
Robert Bryson 20 Murray Road W. Newton MA.
Audrey Ross 24 Murray Road Newton, Mass. 02465
O. L. Horn 120 Derby St. W. New
Richard Fontana 104 Adams St
Cyril Mazzola 46 Kensington St. Newton
Linda Mazzola 57 FESSENDEN ST NEWTON
Andrea Mazzola 57 Fessenden St Newton
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Marin Maysola 46 Kensington St. Newton

John J Leone 12 ELSWORTH Rd NEWTON #368-08 Fire

Paul M Scola 124 Derby St Newton

Byron Allen 170 River St Newton

Daniel Kelly 193 Ward St Newton

John [unclear] 112 Ransdell Pk West Newton, MA.

Cathy Summers 44 Withrop St Newton

John Cochran 331 Newtonville Ave Newtonville

Ann Cochran 331 Newtonville Ave Newtonville

John Roberts 16 Murray Rd West Newton

Ruth Roberts 16 Murray Rd West Newton

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Brad Leonard
555 Watertown St

Ben Pero
555 Watertown St

Eileen Johnson
194 Crafts St

Svetlana Atakhanova
205 Crafts St
Newtonville - Sitch

Liz Whelan
553 Watertown St

Jen Rossetti
553 Watertown St

Kate Antolini
553 Watertown St

JASON ZALK
200 (NARE) ST

OVER

Arlen Adakhanov

205 Craft St

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#368-08

Robert C. Gentile

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Catherine Taylor

561 Watertown St

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Ashad Kudrolli

261 Watertown St

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Francis Bradley

204 Crafts St

Newtonville MA

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Antonietta Tenopresto

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Newtonville, Mass.

Rachel Kesselman

563 Watertown St

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John & Mary Bradley

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Marie Cedrone apt 1

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Florence M Salouci apt 2

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Jose Sierra

575 Watertown St.

Newtonville, Ma

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Cars pass through the intersection of Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street in Newton.

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SOUTH BOUND ROUTE OPTION VIEW - GRIDLOCKING OUT OF LOWELL NORTH
11-4-09 9.A.M.

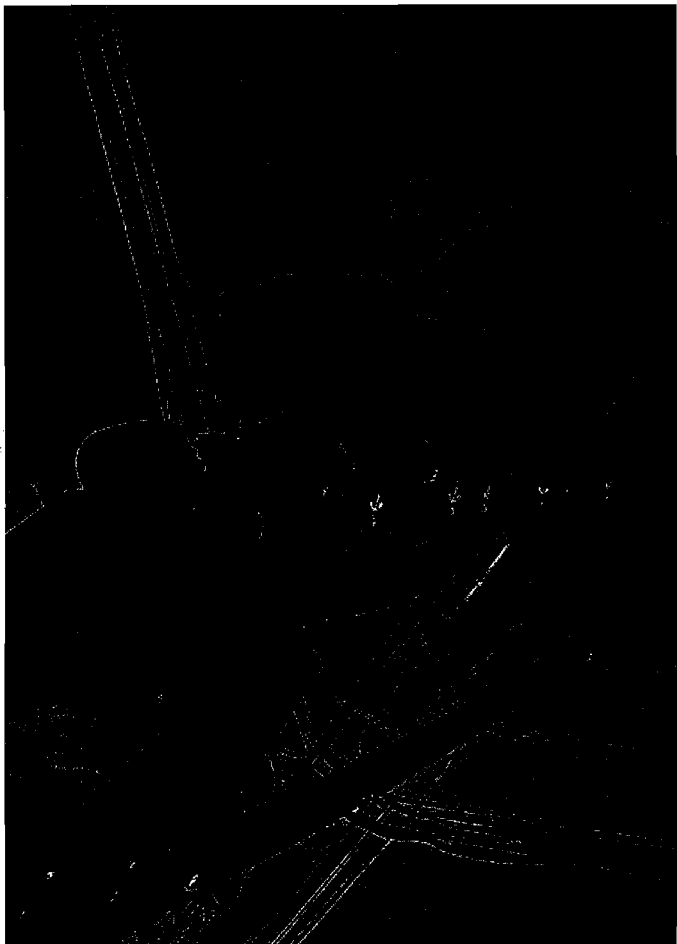
Rt. 16 Waterstown St. looking West



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