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CC: James McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works
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RE: **#19-19 Background for discussion of Bike Lanes**

On April 3, 2019 DPW and Planning will discuss the status of bike lanes for Beacon Street, Brookline Street and Dedham Street. In addition, staff will provide updates on additional roads previously discussed for bike lanes including Nahanton Street, Walnut Street (Beacon to Elm), Crafts Street (Watertown to Waltham), Braeland and Washington Street (Newton Corner to Brighton). All of the above mentioned roads, with the exception of Dedham Street are in various stages of design with an eye towards implementation in calendar year 2019 or 2020. Dedham Street was reviewed by the Complete Streets Working Group and determined to not be an immediate priority relative to other streets

In determining priorities for 2019 and 2020, staff via the Complete Streets Working Group, reviewed the roads program list, prioritized roads in the bike network, identified low-hanging fruit and reviewed traffic calming projects for potential candidates.

The City anticipates installing more than two miles of painted bike lanes in calendar year 2019. Public meetings will take place for individual roads as deemed necessary. Staff look forward to discussing the status of projects on April 3.