

28 Austin Street

A partnership of the City of Newton & Austin Street Partners



March 2018 Project Update

28 Austin Street begins full construction later this month.

Here's what you need to know now...

Construction Timeline & Updates

100 spaces remain open in the Austin Street parking lot to accommodate shoppers, merchants and their employees, and visitors to the Senior Center during pre-construction.

Pre-construction activities began in late January and will continue through mid-March. 50 parking spaces were closed to prepare for construction of the new residential and retail building.

In addition, electric undergrounding in Austin Street and Bram Way was commenced by Eversource.

The on-site pre-construction activities currently taking place will allow 50 on-site spaces to remain open to the public throughout the subsequent construction period.

Here's what's happening:

First, parking meters and signs were removed. The parking meters will be reused elsewhere in the City and the signs stored for re-installation.

Second, the site was fenced to assure safety.

Third, the tired and cracked asphalt, some dating from 1948 when three homes were bulldozed to pave the current parking lot, was removed and sent to an asphalt recycling plant. **By April, parts of the Austin Street parking lot could be reincarnated as roads all across Massachusetts!**



Fourth, new drainage structures and a stormwater management system were installed. During rains, this new state of the art drainage system incorporating stormwater best practices will accommodate more storm water on site and reducing pressure on the City's storm sewer system and keeping pollutants out of the Charles River. **The environmental health of the site and river will be improved by this new system.**

Helped by milder than normal weather, by the end of February, this pre-construction work was approximately 60% complete.

In the coming weeks, **new underground utilities will be placed and allow nearby residents to watch their favorite cable shows, talk on the telephone, and surf the internet without looking out upon unsightly wires or worrying about wires coming down.** New underground communications cables will herald a new era of reliability and speed.

Concurrently, large underground concrete footings will be formed and poured and covered to prepare for and speed future construction. When uncovered later this year like in an archaeological dig, they will provide a sturdy base to support the new building that will rise about the rehabilitated 124 space Austin Street Municipal Parking Lot. What a feat of engineering!

Eversource will continue their undergrounding work followed by communications undergrounding during March,

Finally, the pre-construction area will be restored to provide 50 parking spaces before construction commences in late March allowing shoppers to have handy and convenient two-hour parking for their favorite shops throughout construction.

More on construction in the April update!

Parking and Shuttle

The City of Newton and Austin Street Partners are currently finalizing the details of the interim parking and shuttle plans.

You can anticipate :

- 53 short-term spaces in the Austin Street Lot and Bram Way, including 4 accessible parking spaces.
- 20 FREE 30-minute parking spaces at Star Market
- FREE Newtonville Satellite Lot long-term parking... with free daily and Saturday shuttle

Shuttle:

- runs every 20 min
- a new website will provide real-time GPS location of the shuttle



The accessible and environmentally friendly CNG (compressed natural gas) shuttle is ready to go!

Liaison Committee

Next meeting:

March 14, 2018

7 PM



Newton City Hall

Room 205

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