



## Public Facilities Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

The Public Facilities Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88626874558> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 886 2687 4558

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

##### *Public Hearing*

##### **#469-22 Comcast petition for Grant of Location in Lake Ave**

COMCAST OF MASSACHUSETTS petitioning for a grant of location to underground utilities starting at UP 504/1 on Kenmore Street to Lake Ave and continuing on Lake Ave to the location between 162 and 170 Lake Ave and will be placing the vault on the property line to feed building 162 and 170 Lake Avenue.

##### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

##### **#472-22 Request to transfer \$100,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the City's Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Newton Free Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to convert the building to be fully electric.

##### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

##### **#473-22 Request to transfer \$65,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the City's Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system that will convert the existing fuel system at Peirce Elementary School to a fossil free fuel HVAC system.

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**#468-22 Request to rename a portion of Brandeis Road to Lion Drive**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting approval of the renaming of a portion of Brandeis Road to Lion Drive. The limits of this name change would begin at a line east of #131 and #132 Brandeis Road to the intersection of Greenwood

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#407-22 Appropriate \$50,000 from Special Permit Fees, Austin Street and Lowell Ave**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from Acct #5568R401-432017 Special Permit fees, Austin and Lowell, to improve safety for all users by constructing traffic flow changes at two intersections on Lowell Ave, which is consistent with the intent of Special Permit #175-21, Condition 6.

**Public Facilities Held 5-0 on 09/21/22**

Respectfully submitted,

Alison M. Leary, Chair

**CITY OF NEWTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**

**PETITION for GRANT OF LOCATION**

**To the Petitioner:**

City of Newton Ordinance Section 23-52 requires that each petition for grant of location be submitted to the City Council before it is sent to the Public Works Department for a preliminary review. The comments of the Public Works Commissioner will be part of the record submitted to the City Council. Upon filing with the City Council, the petition will be scheduled for a public hearing before the Public Facilities Committee of City Council. **The petitioner is responsible for insuring that the petition is complete and all required materials are in order for review.** Attached please find the City Engineer's Standard Requirements for Plans and the Department of Public Works Permit Processing brochure.

**Grant of Location Process:**

1. Applicant submits completed Petition Form and required materials to the City Council
2. Public Works Department conducts preliminary review and gives written comments to the applicant
3. Engineering Division files Petition Form with comments with the Clerk of the City Council
4. City Council schedules petition for a public hearing before the Public Facilities Committee of the City Council
5. Public Facilities Committee recommendations are forwarded to the City Council for a final decision

**Questions may be directed to:**

Lou Taverna, City Engineer, 617-796-1020

Cassidy Flynn, Clerk of the Public Facilities Committee 617-796-1213

**I. IDENTIFICATION (Please Type or Print Clearly)**

Company Name\_\_ Comcast Of Massachusetts \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_ 440 Myles Standish BLVD Taunton MA  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number 774 644 9104

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Manuel Furtado

Title Project Coordinator

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/12/22\_\_\_\_\_

Person filing application

If a telecommunications company, indicate how certified by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy: Utility Co.

**II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: to be completed by petitioner**

A. Write here or attach a description of the project including, location, proposed time frame for completion, type of materials to be used, benefit provided to the City, project mitigation plan as applicable, street reconstruction plan including timetable for completion.

Comcast in conjunction with the beautification of Livingston Cove (lake Street) proposes to place current infrastructure as shown in attached documents from aerial to underground. This will require trenching on Kenmore st and Lake Ave respectfully. Please see attached document for proposal, estimated time of completion is 11/02/22

B. Include or attach a sketch to provide a visual description of the project. If plans are attached, provide:  
Title of Plan \_\_\_Levingston Cove SOW \_\_\_\_\_ Date of 9/12/22

**III. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REVIEW**

Date received by Public Works Department September 15, 2022

Check One:

Minor Project



Major Project



Lateral



(Refer to City Engineer Standard Requirements for Plans for definition of minor and major project)

Plans Submitted:

Certified Plot Plan



Stamped Plans



**DATE AND COMMENTS:**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This request is being made on behalf the Parks & Recreation Dept., the current resident @ #170 Lake Ave is on an aerial feed that goes through Livingston Cove from two utility poles. As part of the Cove Beautification project the the two poles will be removed so an underground service is necessitated to continue service to this resident

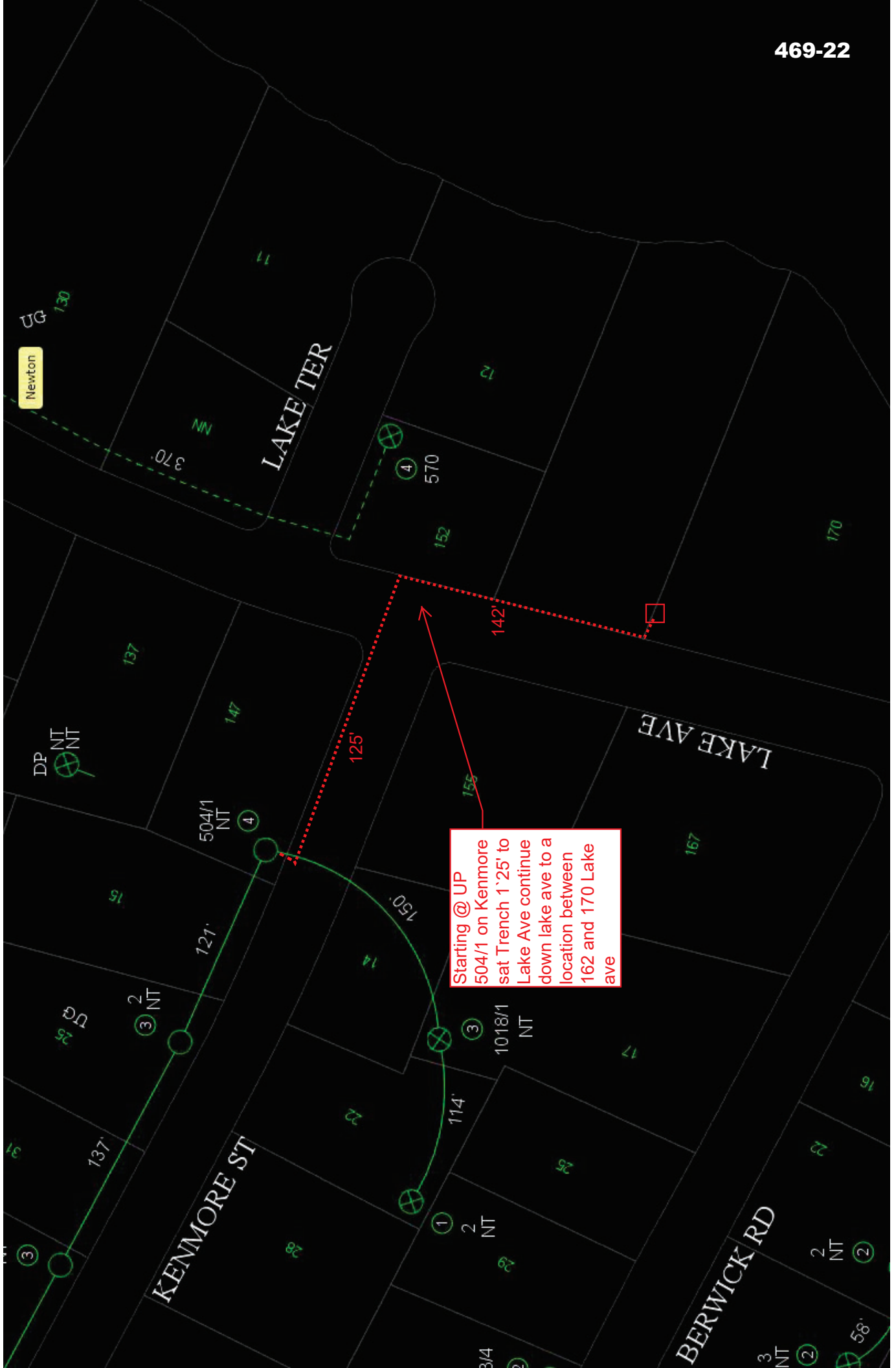
while eliminating the overhead wire and two poles. The contractor of record shall obtain a Sidewalk Crossing & Trench Permits w/DPW prior to any construction. Pedestrian access shall be accommodated for the duration in accordance with the DPW requirements. Siltation control shall be placed & maintained in the catch basins w/in the construction zone. Upon completion an as built shall be submitted to the DPW. All restoration shall be in kind to current standards.

*John Daghljan, Associate City Engineer  
September 15, 2022*

**V. RECOMMENDATION TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner, Public Works

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Starting @ UP  
504/1 on Kenmore  
sat Trench 1'25' to  
Lake Ave continue  
down lake ave to a  
location between  
162 and 170 Lake  
ave





# Final Label Report

469-22

SBL	Owner	Number	Street	Unit
62002 0012	COSTOPOULOS ATHENA	14	KENMORE ST	
62003 0010	FURIE GREGG L	15	KENMORE ST	
62002 0011	CANTOR SUSAN KARYL&DON	22	KENMORE ST	
62003 0011	SWEET ROBERT W JR & KAREN MEYERHOFF	25	KENMORE ST	
62002 0010	CAPLOW STEPHEN & JOCELYNE M	28	KENMORE ST	
62003 0012	CHILDS ALIX R & OLIVER	31	KENMORE ST	
62003 0013	NATHANS SAMUEL	37	KENMORE ST	
62002 0009	PIAN CARLSON C P & SALLY TRS	38	KENMORE ST	
62002 0008	LYNE DANIEL J & HOLLISTER LYNE	46	KENMORE ST	
62003 0001	KALER ROBERT J JR & LIRI H	47	KENMORE ST	
62001 0009	GUARINO DAVID C TR	138	LAKE AVE CTR	
62003 0009	VINCENT MICHAEL STEVEN	147	LAKE AVE CTR	
62001 0007	HOLLEY ONI C & MICHAEL S	152	LAKE AVE CTR	
62002 0014	IEZZONI LISA I	155	LAKE AVE CTR	
62001 0006	ROONEY DEBORAH K	160	LAKE AVE CTR	
62002 0001	ROSSI DERRICK	167	LAKE AVE CTR	
62001 0005	CHAN GERALD L & BERYL W TRS	170	LAKE AVE CTR	
62001 0008	MAHONEY AMANDA J TR	12	LAKE TER	





RUTHANNE FULLER  
MAYOR

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September 26, 2022

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the use of \$100,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Newton Free Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to convert the building to be fully electric.

The design will be completed during the remainder of FY2023 and FY2024 with bidding and construction currently estimated during FY2025.

Please see the attached letter from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruthanne Fuller".

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor



**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**  
52 ELLIOT STREET, NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MA 02461

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor  
Josh Morse, Building Commissioner

Telephone (617) 796-1600  
Facsimile (617) 796-1601  
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August 30, 2022

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor  
Newton City Hall  
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Re: Main Library HVAC

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests \$100,000.00 for the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Main Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to convert the building to be fully electric.

The design will be completed this fiscal year with the bidding and contract award during FY2025.

The funding source for this project will be from the Energy Stabilization Fund.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse  
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer  
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer



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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the use of \$65,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system that will convert the existing fuel oil system at Peirce Elementary School to a fossil-free-fuel-HVAC system. This school is our last remaining school with an oil heating plant. This HVAC conversion solution for Peirce could then be adapted as necessary for use at multiple facilities in Newton currently on natural gas-fed systems.

Please see the attached letter from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Re: Peirce School

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department is requesting \$65,000 for the complete the design of a new HVAC System that will convert the existing #2 fuel oil system to a fossil-free-fuel-HVAC system at the Peirce Elementary. This school is our last remaining school with a #2 oil heating plant. This economical solution for this school could be expanded, adapted as necessary, for use at multiple facilities in Newton.

The funding source for this project will be from the Energy Stabilization Fund.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse  
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer  
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer



Investing Now for  
Newton's Future

**Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, the City of  
Newton and Newton Public Schools  
present the Peirce School Fossil-Fuel-  
Free HVAC Project**



**Peirce Elementary School is our last remaining school with an oil heating plant. \$65,000 is being requested in the current fiscal year to complete the design and installation of a new HVAC System that will convert the existing fuel oil system to a fossil-free-fuel-HVAC system. This economical solution for this school could be expanded, adapted as necessary, for use at multiple facilities in Newton.**



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September 26, 2022

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting approval of the renaming of a portion of Brandeis Road to Lion Drive. The Newton South community is excited to have its roadway reflect the school community's pride, much like Tiger Drive at NNHS. This request is made on behalf of the Newton school community with the support of the Newton South High School principal and the Newton Public Schools administration.

The limits of this name change would begin at a line east of #131 and #132 Brandeis Rd, past the residences, to the intersection of Greenwood Street. In other words, the portion of Brandeis Road under consideration is only that portion that abuts the Newton South High School property, and it does not affect any of the residential portion of Brandeis Road. Any and all deeds to the school property will be changed to reflect the new name. If approved, this change will be recorded at the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds. Brandeis Road and Lion Drive remain public ways. See the attached plan.

A memo from Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

City of Newton  
Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS **#468-22**  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

Date: August 25, 2022  
To: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller  
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer  
From: James McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works  
Subject: Request for Docket Item  
Rename a portion of Brandeis Road to Lion Drive

The Department of Public Works respectfully request the Honorable Mayor docket for consideration the renaming of a portion of Brandeis Road to Lion Drive. This request is made on behalf of the Newton South High School administration, and it has the support of the school community. The portion of Brandeis Road under consideration is only that portion that abuts the Newton South High School property, and it does not affect any of the residential portion of Brandeis Road. The limits of this name change would begin at a line east of #131 and #132 Brandeis Rd, to the intersection of Greenwood Street. Any and all deeds to the school property will need to be changed to reflect the new name. If approved, this change will need to be recorded at the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds. Brandeis Road and Lion Drive remain public ways. See plan attached.

The formal request is as follows:

“The Honorable Mayor is requesting approval of the renaming of a portion of Brandeis Road to Lion Drive. The limits of this name change would begin at a line east of #131 and #132 Brandeis Rd, to the intersection of Greenwood Street.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments

cc: Shawna Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner  
Louis M. Taverna, P.E., City Engineer  
Josh Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings  
John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services Department  
Liam Hurley, Newton Public Schools  
Andrew Lee, Law Department

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August 1, 2022

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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# Newton - Lowell Avenue



### Legend

- = Landscaped Areas
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- = Cement Concrete Sidewalk



June 16, 2022

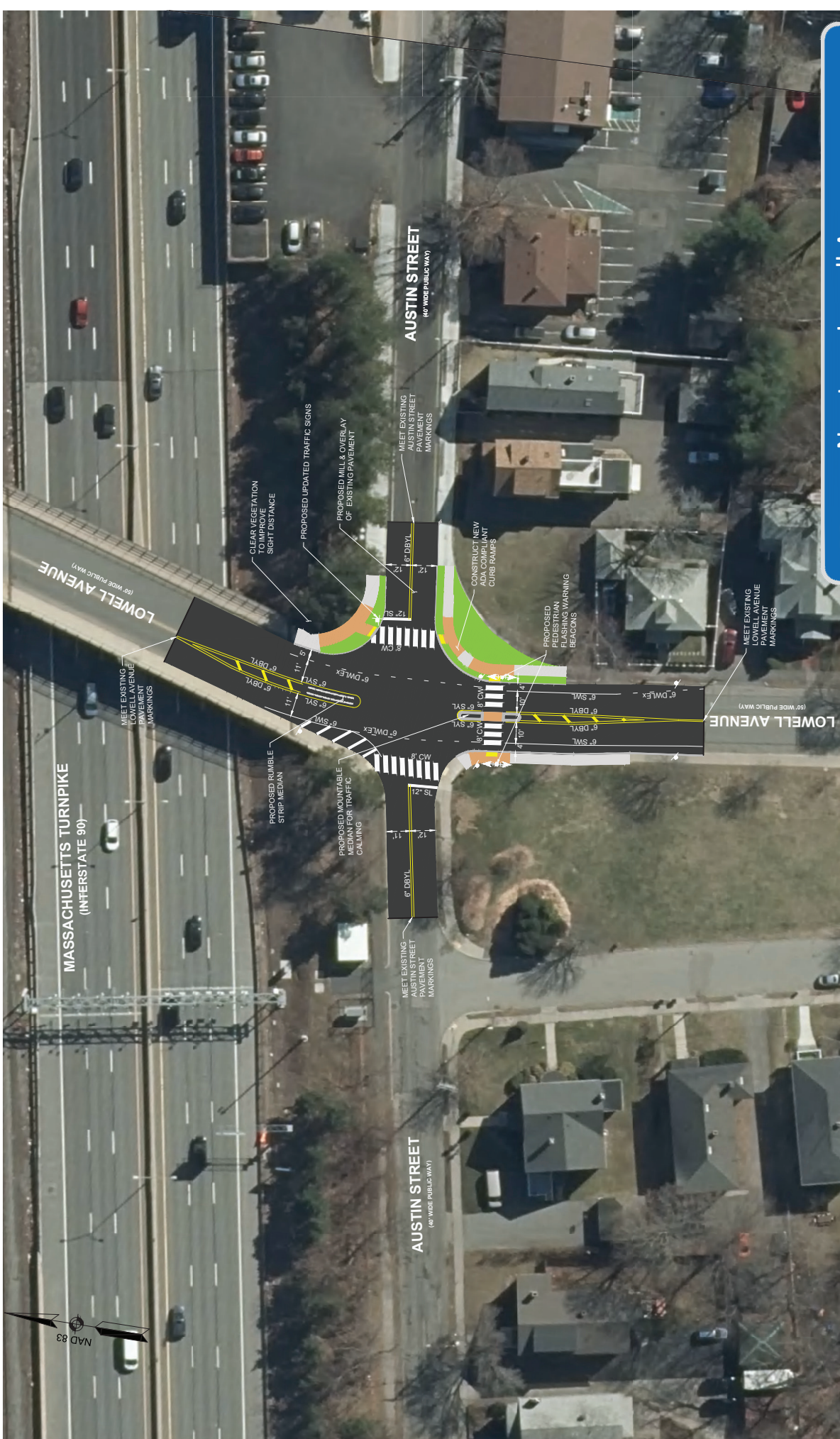


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 Harpoon, NH 03842  
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City of Newton

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Ruthanne Fuller

1000 Commonwealth Avenue

Mayor

Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

Date: October 5, 2022  
To: Public Facilities Committee  
From: James McGonagle, Commissioner  
Subject: Request Mitigation Funds for Safety Improvements at two Lowell Avenue Intersections

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Dear Councilors,

Please see the below information pertaining to Docket Item #407-22 requesting approval of \$50,000 from a special permit mitigation fund to improve safety at the Lowell Avenue and Austin Street intersection and the Hull Street, Highland Street, and Lowell Avenue intersection.

The section of Lowell Avenue between Austin Street and Hull Street was identified in the 2017 traffic calming prioritization memo as the number one priority for traffic calming and has continued to remain a top priority in each of the following years' memos. This area of Lowell Avenue is a walking and biking route to school. DPW provided an update to City Council regarding our Traffic Calming evaluation and prioritization process at a joint meeting of the Public Facilities Committee and Public Safety & Transportation Committee on June 8, 2022 (Item #70-22). Traffic Calming at both Lowell Avenue intersections were discussed at the June 8, 2022, meeting.

The intersection of Lowell Avenue and Austin Street sees multiple vehicular accidents a year and is not pedestrian friendly. Adding bump outs and pedestrian medians will greatly improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists by reducing crossing lengths, reducing speeds, and improving sight lines.

The intersection of Lowell Avenue, Highland Street, and Hull Street is a high pedestrian crossing for students going to Newton North High School and is located very close to a pick-up and drop-off area for the school. The addition of bump-outs to this intersection will narrow the roadway, which will shorten pedestrian crossings and reduce vehicle speeds. It is important to note that DPW will be addressing a drainage issue that is causing roadway deterioration at the intersection of Highland Street and Lowell Avenue this spring or summer. The repair will require us to excavate at the intersection and this will give us the opportunity to efficiently address the drainage issue and improve safety at the same time.

Regarding the request for additional information about Traffic Calming spending from the already approved DPW operating budget, in FY22 a total of \$397,580.11 was expended from the Traffic Calming budget. As discussed at the September 21, 2022, meeting, we were fortunate that DPW was able to transfer-bill \$215,401.82 to the Buildings Department Zervas School project, as that project specifically allocated money for "off-site improvements" that were utilized for Traffic Calming on Beethoven Avenue and Allen Avenue. As a result, DPW was able to carry-over significant funds from FY22 into FY23, and DPW is not asking for the approval of any additional funds beyond the \$50,000 from a special permit mitigation fund.

James McGonagle  
Commissioner

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