

**Town Manager's Office** 

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## ATLANTIC AVE PROJECT UPDATE

I writing to provide an update on the Atlantic Avenue Reconstruction Project. As many of you have observed preliminary work on the project has begun. The project is being constructed under a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MA DOT). As many may remember, the Atlantic Ave Project has been designated by the State's as a Transportation Improvement Project with most of the costs borne by the State. As a State Project, please keep in mind that the Town has input into the project but does not have the authority to direct the contractor. We will be monitoring the project and have established a good relationship with State staff, which will help to resolve field issue that arise, including concerns by residents.

The contract was awarded to P.A. Landers, a large paving contractor with many years of experience work on State projects. P.A. Landers has the responsibility for constructing the roadway and cording all subcontractor work. The State has assigned a Project Manager to oversee the works progress and to ensure the project is built according to plan.

The Project will completely reconstruct the roadway, which means all the existing asphalt will be removed and the roadway bed will be excavated down to the dirt level. The ground will be leveled new a new gravel base will be installed and finally several layers asphalt will be added to bring the roadway to its final finish depth. In addition, the drainage system for the roadway will be improved and upgraded to the latest environmental standards. New sidewalks will be installed with new curbing as well. The small granite block wall by the entrance to Gunrock Beach will be repaired and fortified and a new beach landing that is safer will be installed. This is a large and complex roadway project which will take multiple construction seasons to complete.

The contractor will be approaching the project in several stages:

- April 2022-November 2022: Drainage system, utility and other preparatory work
- April 2023 -November 2023 Roadway Construction/environmental/sidewalk work
- April 2024-November 2024 Complete Roadway Construction

**The Project will be disruptive while it under construction. You will experience detours, delays, noise, and inconvenience. This cannot be avoided.** The contractor will work closely with MA DOT to coordinate activities to do their best to mitigate the project project's impacts but to be honest those measures are limited. In the end the benefits of the Project outweigh the inconveniences.

The Town will be working with the State and the contractor to establish a project website to provide regular project updates as well as contact information for key personnel associated with the Project. When the site is established, I will send out an email with the sites address.

