

# **Come See A Proposed Plan for Waterhouse Street !**

## **Second Community Meeting**

### **Rescheduled to Tuesday March 22, 2011**

In preparation for scheduled roadway work on Waterhouse Street in the summer of 2011 a second public meeting is being held to look at proposed options for changes to Waterhouse St. . These changes are intended to reflect neighborhood concerns to improve safety and the way the street functions and looks. A community meeting was held on October 19, 2010 where residents discussed their concerns regarding Waterhouse Street (please see next sheet).

The focus of the March meeting will be to discuss some of the appropriate traffic calming tools and street re-design options available to address the concerns of residents. If necessary, a third and final meeting will be scheduled for this spring.

Please attend the meeting or contact us with questions or comments.

### **Waterhouse Street Community Meeting**

**When: Tuesday March 22, 2011 6:00- 8:00 PM**

**Where: Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church  
1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge**



Come to the meeting to share your ideas about Waterhouse Street. You may also contact Juan Avendano with your questions, comments or to be added to the project mailing list to receive notification of future meetings.

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#### **Additional assistance**

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## **Waterhouse Street – Comments/concerns from 10/19/10 Community meeting**

### **Project Related**

Add a crossing of Waterhouse to the Common, maybe at Follen Street, and an opening into the Common.\*

***Crosswalk options will be included in the plan and an opening to the Common will be proposed as part of that project.***

More trees desired for Waterhouse Street and possible green area in front of church at little Mass. Ave Sidewalk could be/should be wider.\*

***Locations for additional trees will be reviewed with the city arborist as plans are developed. The City will discuss the options for and maintenance of a green area with the church.***

Need bike racks in area.

***Identifying locations for bike racks will be done as part of this project and the Cambridge Common project.***

Vehicles travelling up little Mass Ave do not stop at Waterhouse Street.

***Changes included in the conceptual plan for that corner will make vehicles slow down when making this turn.***

Signs in the sidewalk at little Mass Ave and Mass Ave are in the way of snow clearing.

***The City will review the location of these signs to see if different location can be found to improve this situation.***

Desire for additional landscaping of the island at Waterhouse at Garden.

***The City is continuing to try and identify if someone is maintaining this area currently and will review options for landscaping.***

Cut through traffic on Waterhouse Street.

***Waterhouse Street does get some cut through traffic since it makes a connection from Mass. Avenue to Garden Street. The volume of traffic is similar to other streets that make similar connections.***

Speeding on Waterhouse Street.

***Changes proposed to Waterhouse Street will narrow the look and feel of the street and encourage slower speeds.***

Left turns from Waterhouse to Garden Street should be restricted.

***Restricting lefts at this location would be difficult to enforce for a relatively minor move.***

## Outside Project Scope

Missing sidewalk along little Mass Ave should be constructed.

***The Department of Public Works has put this piece of sidewalk on their list for possible construction***

The park between Mass. Ave and little Mass. Ave needs improvement so it could

be a more attractive neighborhood space/sitting area w/ native plantings, better connection to the Common and a sidewalk along the park side of little Mass. Ave.

***The Department of Public Works will look at opportunities to improve this space in a future project.***

General problems with lack of clearing pedestrian ramps after snow storms.\*

***The City clears and salts ramps and sidewalks adjacent to parks and tries to remind property owners that they must also clear ramps at corners when clearing sidewalks. Ramps and sidewalks that are not properly cleared may be reported to the snow hotline at 617-349-4903 for enforcement.***

Lack of convenient trash barrels in the Common and litter problems.

***Additional trash barrels were recently placed in the Common as a short term solution and additional trash cans will also be included in longer term improvements.***

People like the short term patching to paths in Common.

***This will continue to be done as needed until complete path reconstruction proceeds as part of the Cambridge Common project.***

On the Mass Ave. sidewalk, there is a pinch point created by the MBTA vents.

***The Department of Public Works will look at this issue and possible solutions when work is planned in this area.***

\*stated multiple times

***Responses are bolded in italics***