

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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August 14, 2015

Dear Central Street, Boston Road, Cherry Street and Pleasant Street Residents and Residents of adjoining streets:

As part of the Town's ongoing street maintenance program the Department of Public Works has scheduled Cherry Street, Pleasant Street and the Boston Road Causeway to receive roadway reconstruction this year. Central Street from the railroad tracks through the Boston Road intersection and Boston Road from East Main Street through the Framingham Road intersection are also scheduled for paving. Work on Central Street and Boston Road is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 18th. Work on Cherry and Pleasant Streets is scheduled to be on August 26th and 28th the work on the Boston Road Causeway will begin on August 27th.

Pleasant, Cherry and the Causeway are reclaim and pave projects. Reclaiming and paving a road consists of dropping utility structures, breaking up the existing pavement and mixing it into the existing gravel sub-base, adding or removing material to reshape the street, paving a binder course of asphalt, raising utility structures and ultimately paving the top course of asphalt. The Town will stabilize the roadway shoulders after the paving is complete. Driveway aprons will be installed where necessary to offer a better transition to the roadway. The installation of driveway aprons will be delayed until more of the paving scheduled for 2015 is complete.

The work on Central Street and Boston Road is a milling and paving project. Milling and paving a road consists of milling the top course of asphalt off the road surface, adjusting structures, if necessary, and applying a new top course of asphalt on the road. As you can see, the work to be performed on these streets is extensive. The Causeway will be completely shut while the work is being performed because vehicles will not be able to get around the equipment. Cherry, Pleasant and the Causeway will be a gravel surface for a period of time. We request that people keep their speeds low when the roadway is a gravel surface, this will keep the road base in good condition for paving. During the paving phase of construction, we advise residents to keep their children and pets from the roadway until the asphalt has cooled.

The contractor will try to keep one lane of traffic open during construction on all roads except the causeway. However, during certain phases of construction, traffic delays may be significant, particularly during the reclamation of the road base, grading of the roadway and the final paving. At times access in and out of the neighborhood and adjoining neighborhoods will be limited, even for residents, due to the roadway width and the size of the equipment. When road equipment is at your driveway or at the end of a cul-de-sac street you may not be able to get in or out for about one hour. Also, driving on asphalt before it has cooled can ruin the roadway surface and the Town's investment. Please keep track of where the paving crew is and plan your arrivals and departures accordingly. We realize that this will be an inconvenience for you and we apologize for the disruption.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

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Karen Galligan
Superintendent

cc: Board of Selectmen