



## MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## **HIGHWAY DIVISION - DISTRICT 3**

TO: Kristen L. Forsberg, Town of Leicester Assistant to the Town Administrator

FROM: Carmen D. Ramirez, Resident Engineer

RE: Roadway Reconstruction and Related Work along a Section of Paxton Street (Route

56), Leicester MA - MassDOT Contract No. 99634

**DATE:** May 15, 2018

## **Progress Update:**

The contractor is grading the areas were new sidewalk will be constructed and where the road will be realigned.

We conducted a survey and recorded pictures in the area adjacent to the Library building at the intersection of Main St. and Paxton St. We were concerned about the condition and exposure of an existing 50" tree. Thankfully, the roots were not exposed during excavation. We are diligently working not to cause additional deterioration to the historic wall and wrought iron fence.

Intermediate pavement course is complete. Final pavement is not anticipated until midsummer.

National Grid Electric began transfer the lines over to the new poles. Verizon will mobilize to the site to do their relocations and remove the old poles later on.

## Look Ahead:

The contractor will start the installation of new granite curbing. We will maintain one lane alternating traffic with the assistance of the Leicester Police.

No detours are anticipated.

We are very pleased with the support from the Leicester Highway and Water/sewer departments. They have been excellent at responding and coordinating work with the contractor and state engineers and inspectors

Again, we apologize for the inconveniences and will continue to take measures to proceed as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the cooperation and understanding of the Town of Leicester residents. If you have any questions, do not he sitate to contact me.