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Residents and Businesses of: Essex Street (between Forrester Street and Washington Square East)

Re: Notification of the Start of Construction – Trolley Track Removal Project

A public, informational meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the House of Seven Gables meeting room to discuss the project and answer questions.

This notice has been prepared to inform you that the City of Salem will be starting a project to remove the existing trolley tracks in Essex Street. This work will be followed next spring by another project to reconstruct sidewalks and repave the roadway in this area. The upcoming meeting will provide you an opportunity to learn about the current project and ask questions of the project team (Contractor, Engineer and City staff) regarding traffic impacts on Essex Street.

Beginning on November 19, 2019, the City's Contractor, N. Granese & Sons, Inc. will mobilize to the site and complete repairs on the sewer and drain pipes in Essex Street, prior to starting track removal. Beginning the following week, the Contractor will begin stripping the asphalt, removing the abandoned trolley tracks and timbers, and installing binder pavement. This work is expected to take approximately six weeks to complete. No work will be scheduled on November 28 and weather depending, we expect this work to be completed by December 24. We will email weekly 2-week look ahead notifications to you to keep you informed of the schedule and any weather delays. The work hours for this effort is 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. During this project, the area will be an active construction site and you should be careful and drive at a reduced speed accordingly. On the days when the Contractor is working, it is important not to have cars parked in the roadway. No parking signs will be posted in advance of construction and no-parking will remain in effect until construction is complete for that day. Roadway closure and traffic detours will be required during periods of the work. You will have access to driveways after work hours. Police details will be present to assist everyone through the work zone and to facilitate traffic management.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience you may incur during this process. The City appreciates your patience and forbearance during this project. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call my office at the number above.

Sincerely,

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City Engineer/DPS Director