

Downtown Franklin Roadway and Streetscape Improvement Project

The Town of Franklin is currently managing a design and engineering effort that will soon result in the construction of a major roadway and streetscape improvement project in Downtown Franklin. The goals of this important project are to improve vehicular circulation and safety, improve emergency response time, improve the deteriorated conditions of certain secondary roadways, create a safer pedestrian friendly environment, improve the overall appearance of Downtown Franklin, and stimulate private sector investment. Implementation of the Town of Franklin's Downtown Roadway and Streetscape Improvement Project over the next few years will see major changes in the Downtown area.

General Project Description: The Downtown Roadway and Streetscape Improvement Project is a multi-year \$7.25 million roadway and streetscape improvement project. The project includes elimination of the one way traffic pattern of Route 140 in the Downtown area, installation of interconnected traffic signals with emergency preemption system, period streetlights, traffic calming devices, resetting curbs where needed, ADA compliant sidewalks, resurfacing of streets, and streetscape/landscape improvements and furniture. Diagrams with examples of proposed improvements can be viewed by following the links below.

Project Funding: The Town of Franklin has been awarded a \$1 million Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant (State funding), and a \$5 million High Priority Project (HPP) grant (Federal funding); the HPP grant will be matched by roughly \$1.25 million in State and local funds.

Project Area: The two grants have different requirements and it is necessary to manage the Downtown Roadway and Streetscape Improvement Project as two separate but directly adjacent projects. See attached map.

The project area for the HPP Grant funded portion of work is as follows:

- West Central Street, between Union and Main Streets
- East Central Street, between Main and Ruggles Streets
- Main Street, between East Central Street and Moore Avenue
- Emmons Street between West Central and Main Streets.

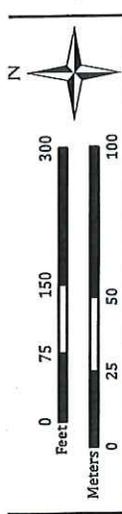
The PWED Grant project area includes improvements to the following areas;

- Emmons Street, between Main and Hillside Streets
- Dean Avenue, between Main and Ray Streets
- Depot Street between Main Street and Dean Avenue
- Ray Street, between Dean Avenue and Depot Street.
- Depot Street Municipal parking lot.

Project Timeline: Given that two projects are located directly adjacent to each other the Town's design and engineering team, has designed improvements concurrently. However, the two improvement projects will be constructed separately. The Town managed PWED project construction was completed during the 2011 construction season. The State managed HPP is expected to start in late 2013 or spring 2014 and is expected to be completed within two to three years.

Additional Information: For more information about the Downtown Roadway and Streetscape Improvement Project contact Franklin's Director of Planning and Community Development, Bryan W. Taberner, at 508-520-4907 or btaberner@franklin.ma.us.

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Future Traffic Pattern

- Traffic Signal
- Traffic Pattern
- Parcel Line

