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RE: Route 9 Resurfacing Project, Funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

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On October 26, 2009, Governor Patrick announced the second round of stimulus-funded highway projects in Massachusetts. The list of 33 projects included \$12.5 million for the resurfacing of Route 9 in Framingham and Natick.

On December 17, 2010, the 495/MetroWest Partnership sponsored a meeting with the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce for the Highway Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). At this December meeting, Highway officials presented an overview of the project including a timeline. Some project details have been adjusted since that meeting and below is an updated briefing on the project.

The Route 9 Resurfacing Project, managed by MassDOT, consists of the micro-milling and resurfacing of approximately 7.8 miles of Route 9 beginning at Walnut Street in Natick and ending at the Framingham / Southborough Line. The limits of work also include the ramps at Route 27 in Natick and Route 126 in Framingham.

Pedestrian improvements include: wheelchair ramp upgrades with new detectable warning panels; crosswalk striping upgrades; sidewalk upgrades; and new sidewalk in areas of significant pedestrian activity.

Bicycle improvements include: loop detection for bicycles; improved bicycle signage; and a wider edge line to improve delineation between the shoulder and travel lanes.

Safety upgrades include: new recessed pavement markings; new recessed roadway reflectors; guardrail end treatment upgrades and guardrail repairs including new guardrail reflectors; and trimming of overhanging tree limbs.

Drainage improvements include: new drainage and drainage repairs in the vicinity of Route 126; the complete cleaning of the existing drainage system.

Maintenance of traffic during construction: The majority of the work will take place at night. All roadways in the project area will remain open to traffic during construction. Temporary detours will require advanced notification to the public. Pedestrian and vehicular access to abutting properties will be maintained at all times. Every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to the public.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of April 5, 2010, with a focus on installing construction and ARRA signs, and silt fence throughout the project area. While the work hours for the first week will be from 7:00AM to 3:30PM, the majority of construction will be completed on a night schedule from 9:00PM to 5:30AM to alleviate the traffic impact on the heavily traveled route. Substantial construction completion is scheduled for November 2010 with early completion incentives included in the contract with D&R out of Stoneham. The entire project will be completed by June 2011. Following a winter shutdown there will be some touch-up work in Spring 2011, including the construction of guardrails and signage and the dirt adjacent to the roadway will be loamed and seeded.

Additionally, MassDOT has created a Route 9 Resurfacing Project web page, which is expected to be updated throughout the project's timeline to keep citizens, residents and businesses informed of project work activities. The web address is: [www.mass.gov/massdot/rt9resurface](http://www.mass.gov/massdot/rt9resurface).