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NOTICE

**Lawrence Street Tree Evaluations
Contract 2017-H-4
City of Malden Roadway Improvement Program**

This notice is to inform Lawrence Street residents and the general public that the City, its consultant Hayner-Swanson Inc. and its contractor Charles Contracting Company, Inc., will be performing work on Lawrence Street in the coming weeks. The work will involve further evaluation of the trees that have previously been identified to be removed so as to allow the proposed sidewalk and roadway improvements to be constructed. The work will be performed as weather conditions allow.

The work to further evaluate the trees will include excavation of the sidewalk in the vicinity of the trees, hand excavation to expose the roots, and visual observations and measurements. On completion of the evaluations, the sidewalk disturbed by the evaluations will be repaired with temporary asphalt patches. The permanent sidewalk repairs will be made in conjunction with the rest of the work to be completed on Lawrence Street when work resumes on the project in the upcoming 2019 construction season.

These further evaluations are being performed pursuant to the City's decisions subsequent to the June 6, 2018 Public Tree Hearing to try to retain as many trees as possible. At certain locations the evaluations will determine the feasibility of constructing an accessible sidewalk partially on private properties in proximity to the trees if easements can be obtained from property owners. In other locations the evaluations will determine the feasibility of constructing an accessible sidewalk and related curb modifications entirely within the public way in proximity to the trees by trimming tree roots and/or raising the sidewalk elevations above the tree roots without adverse impact on the adjacent private property or the nearby public travel way, curbs and sidewalks.

In the event easements cannot be obtained and/or it is determined by the City that it is not feasible to construct an accessible sidewalk while retaining the tree, the tree will be removed so that an accessible sidewalk can be constructed. No trees will be removed until such time a final determination has been made and public notice of such determination is given.

If you have any questions you may contact the City of Malden's Engineering Department at (781) 397-7040.