

University Station update, February 28, 2014

New Rosemont Road

- New Rosemont Road open, traffic signal functioning. Pedestrian push button to be relocated to make easily accessible from sidewalk.
- Town providing plowing and salting of roadway.

Project Infrastructure

Sewer (Town infrastructure)

- No change since last report

Water (DWWD infrastructure)

- No change since last report

Drain

- No change since last report

Status Update: NStar Gas main pipe replacement on University Ave./University Sta.

- NStar has not provided a plan of the proposed gas main installation in University or Harvard (as of 2/28/14)
- NStar has continued to promise they will be ready to start as soon as possible in March/April
- NStar has initiated communication and is in the process of acquiring required permits to install new pipe crossing under the railroad track on University Ave., have not progressed with coordination with Transit Realty Group. NStar has been told that the Town and NED have been communicating with CSX regarding same crossing and offered to give NStar the contact information.
- NStar is no longer pursuing installation of gas main through undeveloped area out to Canton Street.

University Station Site Work

- DW White (contractor) blasting ledge and excavating area in preparation for the location of building "pad"
- DW White #160 University Ave. building demolition completed
- DW White #40-#46 Harvard St. demolition commenced with abatement of material from building, building demolition expected beginning of April.

- DW White processing blasted stone and excavated material into crushed stone and gravel. Material to be used on site and excess being hauled off site.
- Verizon & NStar electric removing/abandoning utilities from “old” Rosemont Road.
- Residential apartment builder (Hanover Co.) set up field office in laydown area on East side of University Ave.

University Ave Reconstruction Status

- VHB expected to deliver final design plans to Town first week of March, possibly second.
- NED to Bid for construction in March.
- Contract Award to allow for an early April construction start.
- Substantial completion of construction is expected by Dec 2014.

Canton Street/University Ave Reconstruction Status

- The University Ave. & Harvard St. design 100% drawings are expected to be delivered to MassDOT February 28. VAI expects to receive from MassDOT first week of March
- The Construction bidding is expected to be done in March/April
- Contract Award should allow a late spring start.
- Substantial completion of construction is expected by Dec. 2014.
- Norwood Land takings approved by Norwood BOS, going to Norwood town meeting next week.

Blue hill Drive/University Ave Reconstruction Status

- Public hearing on 25% design plans held February 27
- Final design plans being prepared for late summer bidding

Canton Street, Everett Street and Forbes Road Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project

- Hearing held February 12th, one resident opposed. Commissioners holding 2nd hearing on March 19th