Main Street Sidewalk Replacement Project

The Town of Farmington will be holding an informational meeting for property owners on October 17th from 10AM-11AM in the parking lot at Saint Patrick's Church with all social distancing safeguards in place. If you would like to attend, you must RSVP by 10/15 to the Town Manager’s Office at 860-675-2350 or email SavastanoA@farmington-ct.org. This will be an outdoor event and space assignments will be given upon arrival. Limited chairs will be provided, residents are encouraged to bring their own. Please dress appropriately and remember to wear your masks. If you can't make the meeting and you have questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager's Office.

Project Scope

The west side of the sidewalk will be replaced from Route 4 to Highland Park Market. On the east side, the sidewalk will be replaced from Route 4 to the Main Gate Subdivision, which includes a segment of new sidewalk. (Map enclosed) Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Spring/Summer 2021.

Crosswalks & Other Info

All existing crosswalks in the project scope will be stamped brick with reflective white stripe and tactile warning signs. There are no new crosswalks proposed.

Grass boarders will be continued whenever possible.

Every attempt will be made to preserve the trees along Main Street.

Sidewalk Type

The replacement sidewalk material will be concrete.

ADA Requirements

The replacement sidewalk shall meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Every attempt will be made to have replacement sidewalk meet US Access Board PROWAG standards, including a width of 5 feet.
Will the property owner have to pay for the initial sidewalk replacement in front of their home?
No, the property owner will not have to pay for the replacement. The Town of Farmington received $1,850,000 in grants and the Town Council has allocated an additional $150,000 for the project. Therefore, there is $2,000,000 available for the replacement project.

Will the property owner be responsible for the continued maintenance of the sidewalk once the project is complete?
Yes, the responsibility of the maintenance of the sidewalk will remain with the property owner.

Why is the Town replacing the sidewalk with concrete and not blacktop?
Even though a concrete sidewalk is initially more expensive than blacktop, in the long term, concrete is more durable, making it more economical.

Why did the Town choose the project boundaries?
Due to the current condition of the existing sidewalks, the Town Council is recommending that the majority of funding available be used to replace as much of the existing sidewalks as possible.

Why did the Town choose to begin the project at Route 4 southbound instead of at starting at the CVS and heading north to connect with the existing sidewalk?
The existing sidewalks on Main Street need repair. This is a multiphase project and the Town’s philosophy is to repair the existing sidewalks first before they begin to construct new sidewalks.

Is it the intent of the Town to construct new sidewalks from CVS northbound at a future date?
Yes, the Streetscape Master Plan for the Village Center that was approved by the Town Council recommends new sidewalks from CVS northbound. Currently, there is not funding in place for that phase of the project, but the Town’s 7-year Capital Plan includes funding to continue with future phases of the Farmington Village Streetscape Master Plan.

Where can I find the Farmington Village Streetscape Master Plan?
The plan can be found on www.farmington-ct.com > Government > Farmington Village Center Committee.

Why isn’t the Town installing additional crosswalks in the project scope?
This is a multiphase project and the Town’s philosophy is to enhance the existing crosswalks before they construct new crosswalks.

Does this project include additional enhancements in the project scope?
The Streetscape Master Plan does include additional enhancements. The Town Council is recommending these enhancements, such as decorative solar lighting, enhanced pocket parks, benches, and artwork be included in future phases.

What is the anticipated timeline for the Project?
Town Council Approval of Project - Oct./Nov. 2020
Farmington Historic District Review – November 2020
Bid for Construction – Winter 2020/2021
Phase 1 Construction - Spring/Summer 2021