

October 31, 2019

City Council President Linda M. Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements Project – Appraisals and Acquisition

Dear Council President Morad and Members of the City Council:

At the request of the Department of Public Infrastructure, I respectfully request that the City Council acquire by eminent domain or other legal means, temporary and permanent easements across public and privately owned property, which is needed for the Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements Project.

The Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements Project is a MassDOT project scheduled for advertising on December 14, 2019 using State and Federal funding. The project limits extend along Hathaway Road from a point 300 feet south of Nauset Street to Mount Pleasant Street, along Mount Pleasant Street from Nauset Street to the grade crossing just north of Hathaway Road, and along Nauset Street from Hathaway Road to Mount Pleasant Street; a total distance of approximately 880 feet (0.167 miles) along the mainline (Hathaway Road/Mount Pleasant Street). The project includes proposed roadway, geometric, and traffic control improvements intended to improve vehicular, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety, as well as vehicle capacity and traffic operations within the project limits. The proposed design of the project area will require, but is not limited to: roadway and sidewalk reconstruction including changes to lane designations and the elimination of a segment of Mount Pleasant Street between Hathaway Road and Nauset Street, pavement milling and overlay, full depth reconstruction, box widening, removal and resetting of granite curb or installation of new granite curb, sidewalk reconstruction, installation of a fully actuated traffic signal, improved pedestrian and cyclist accommodations, and improved signing and pavement markings. Reconstruction of the Franco-American Square is also proposed and has been reviewed by Franco-American group representatives.

The current estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$3 million. The easement areas are shown on the attached plan entitled, "New Bedford Hathaway

Road Triangle Improvements", sheets 1 through 3.

Enclosed for your consideration is an Order for the City Solicitor to obtain appraisals and prepare the necessary Order of Taking. A representative of the Department of Public Infrastructure will be available to answer questions at the November 14, 2019 City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell

Mayor

cc:

Jamie Ponte, Commissioner of Public Infrastructure and Medeiros Friedman, First Assistant City Solicitor

Department of Public Infrastructure



Jamie Ponte Commissioner

Water
Wastewater
Highways
Engineering
Cemeteries
Park Maintenance
Forestry
Energy

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

September 9, 2019

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell City of New Bedford 133 William Street New Bedford, Massachusetts 02746

Subject:

Hathaway Road Triangle Improvement Project

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

On behalf of the Department of Public Infrastructure, I respectfully request that the City acquire by eminent domain or other legal means, temporary and permanent easements across public and privately owned property, which are needed for the Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements Project.

The Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements Project is a MassDOT project scheduled for advertising December 14, 2019 using State and Federal funding. The project limits extend along Hathaway Road from a point 300 feet south of Nauset Street to Mount Pleasant Street, along Mount Pleasant Street from Nauset Street to the grade crossing just north of Hathaway Road, and along Nauset Street from Hathaway Road to Mount Pleasant Street; a total distance of approximately 880 feet (0.167 miles) along the mainline (Hathaway Road/Mount Pleasant Street). The project includes proposed roadway, geometric, and traffic control improvements intended to improve vehicular, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety, as well as vehicle capacity and traffic operations within the project limits. The proposed design of the project area will require. but is not limited to: roadway and sidewalk reconstruction including changes to lane designations and the elimination of a segment of Mount Pleasant Street between Hathaway Road and Nauset Street, pavement milling and overlay, full depth reconstruction, box widening, removal and resetting of granite curb or installation of new granite curb, sidewalk reconstruction, installation of a fully actuated traffic signal, improved pedestrian and cyclist accommodations, and improved signing and pavement markings. Reconstruction of the Franco-American Square is also proposed and has been reviewed by Franco-American group representatives.

The current estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$3 million.

The easement areas are shown on the attached plan entitled, "New Bedford Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements", sheets 1 through 3.

A representative of the Department of Public Infrastructure will be available to answer questions at the September 26, 2019 City Council meeting. Should you have any questions about this Project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 979-1556.

Sincerely.

Jamie Ponte Commissioner

Cc: Manny Silva

Shawn Syde

Jane Medeiros Friedman

Attachments:

"New Bedford Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements", sheets 1 through 3.



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 2019

ORDERED that, the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to obtain appraisals of public and privately owned property, located in the City of New Bedford along Hathaway Road, Nauset Street and Mount Pleasant Street which is needed for the Hathaway Road Triangle Improvements Project, as shown on the attached plan entitled, "NEW BEDFORD HATHAWAY ROAD TRIANGLE IMPROVEMENTS", sheets 1 through 3, for the purpose of acquiring permanent and temporary construction easements, through eminent domain or other legal means.

The City Solicitor is also hereby requested to prepare an Order of Taking for the easements to be acquired through eminent domain. The easements are shown on the above referenced plans.





