COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - November 18, 2020

MEETING AT 7:00 PM, THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G.L.C. 30A, SECTION 20 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A AGENDA

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1a. AN ORDER, (Ref'd 11/12/2020)

INVITEES: Thomas Anderson, Superintendent, New Bedford Public Schools; Andrew O'Leary, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, New Bedford Public Schools; Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer

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INVITEES: Jamie Ponte, Commissioner, Department of Public Infrastructure; Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer

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AN ORDER - School Department Appropriation

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1. COMMUNICATION-ORDER-APPROPRIATION-ORDINARY\_REVENUE\_\_MUNICIPAL\_RECEIPTS\_TO\_SCHOOL\_DEP. Cover Memo



November 5, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of SIX MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$6,503,133) now standing to the credit of the account from ORDINARY REVENUE AND MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

This supplemental appropriation reconciles the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget with guidance provided by the Baker Administration and the State Legislature.

Sincerely.

Jon Mitche Mayor



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

# CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 2020

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**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT..........\$6,503,133** 

To be certified and approved by the Department Head



### ARIJ. SKY CHIEFFINANCIAL OFFICER

November 2, 2020

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell

New Bedford City Council

FROM: Ari J. Sky

**SUBJECT:** FY 2021 Net School Spending Requirements

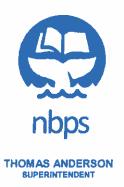
The FY 2021 proposed budget incorporated conservative estimates for State revenue given delays in the State's budget process. The \$179,162,500 operating budget for the School Department, which includes \$29,162,500 in direct health insurance expenditures, anticipated no change in Chapter 70 funding from FY 2020 to 2021.

Since the adoption of the FY 2021 budget, the State has released several pieces of guidance regarding local aid. In late July, the Baker Administration and the Legislature released targets for Chapter 70 and Unrestricted General Government Aid and, on October 13, the Administration proposed a revised budget that incorporated the local aid targets and provided complete Cherry Sheet estimates.

The Governor's proposed budget includes a number of revisions to local aid and assessments. Chapter 70 aid to the City was set at \$166,091,904, which is \$6,260,940 higher than FY 2020. In addition, Charter School reimbursements and assessments were reduced by a net of \$430,499 from the initial estimates provided by the State in January. Finally, DESE has released updated guidance which indicates that compliance with the FY 2021 Net School Spending requirements will require an additional appropriation of about \$6,503,133.

Attached please find correspondence from the School Department requesting a supplemental appropriation to bring the FY 2021 budget into compliance with Net School Spending requirements. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
EDUCATIONAL ACCESS &
PATHWAYS

November 2, 2020

Mr. Ari Sky Chief Financial Officer City of New Bedford 133 William St, Room 302 New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mr. Sky,

Following the conclusion of the state's budget process and finalization of Cherry Sheet assessments and charges, I am writing to request a supplemental appropriation increase of \$6,503,133.00 to the School Department Fiscal Year 2021 budget. This will be submitted at the next School Committee meeting scheduled for November 9, 2020.

The School Department initial budget was adjusted to reflect the impact of reduced state aid. In addition, beginning in FY 2021 health insurance expenses have been assigned directly to the School Department to ensure compliance with Net School Spending requirements. The total Health Insurance amount assigned to the school department is \$26,162,500. In summary, this will be added to the school operations and health insurance total of \$179,162,500, with a new school department budget of \$185,665,633.

In anticipation of School Committee approval, I request this item be included in Mayor's papers and on the agenda for the November 12, 2020 City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Andrew O'Leary

Asst Supt Finance & Operations



# MA Department of Revenue

Division of Local Services
Preliminary Municipal Cherry Sheet Estimates
Data current as of 10/14/2020

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# FY2021 Preliminary Cherry Sheet Estimates New Bedford

PROGRAM	FY2020 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2021 Governor's Budget Proposal	FY2021 Governor's Revised Budget Proposal	FY2021 House Budget Proposal	FY2021 Senate Budget Proposal	FY2021 Conference Committee
Education Receipts:						
Chapter 70	159,830,964	170,504,247	166,091,904			
School Transportation	0	0	0			
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	3,701,526	2,663,676	2,480,776			
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0	0	0			
Offset Receipts:						
School Choice Receiving Tuition	30,182	146,000	136,625			
Sub-Total, All Education Items:	163,562,672	173,313,923	168,709,305			
General Government:						
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	24,427,447	25,111,416	24,427,447			
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0	0	0			
Regional Public Libraries	0	0	0			
Veterans Benefits	2,075,756	1,932,189	1,932,189			
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	475,759	481,997	481,997			
State Owned Land	20,708	20,598	20,562			
Offset Receipts:					-	
Public Libraries	172,856	172,222	172,222		T	
Sub-Total, All General Government:	27,172,526	27,718,422	27,034,417			
Total Estimated Reciepts:	190,735,198	201.032.345	195,743,722			1

Questions or Assistance Please Email The Municipal Databank at: databank@dor.state.ma.us



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**Estimated Receipts** Estimated Assessments & Charges

PROGRAM	FY2020 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2021 Governor's Budget Proposal	FY2021 Governor's Revised Budget Proposal	FY2021 House Budget Proposal	FY2021 Senate Budget Proposal	FY2021 Conference Committee
County Assessments:					'	
County Tax	647,374	663,558	663,558			
Suffolk County Retirement	0	0	0			
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	647,374	663,558	663,558			
State Assessments and Charges:						
Retired Employees Health Insurance	0	0	0			
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0	0	0			
Mosquito Control Projects	106,297	113,881	113,859			
Air Pollution Districts	22,190	22,544	22,544			
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0	0	0			
Old Colony Planning Council	0	0	. 0			
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	336,520	345,120	345,120			
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	465,007	481,545	481,523			
Transportation Authorities:						
МВТА	0	0	0			
Boston Metro, Transit District	0	0	0			
Regional Transit	1,241,786	1,272,830	1,272,830			
Sub-Total, Transp Authorities:	1,241,786	1,272,830	1,272,830			
Annual Charges Against Receipts:		•••	_			
Multi-Year Repayment Program	0	0	0			
Special Education	106,220	72,860	75,138			
STRAP Repayments	0	0	0	Ì		
Sub-Total, Annual Charges;	106,220	72,860	75,138	1		
Tution Assessments:						
School Choice Sending Tuition	1,371,071	1,578,516	1,469,298			
Charter School Sending Tuition	19,747,553	18,839,783	18,326,227			
Sub-Total, Tution Assessments:	21,118,624	20,418,299	19,795,525	s		
Total All Estimated Charges:	23,579,011	22,909,092	22,288,574			

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Item Title:

AN ORDER - Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street / Order of Taking

### Item Detail:

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, that the City Solicitor is requested to obtain appraisals of privately owned property along Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street which is needed for infrastructure improvements at the intersection of Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street and prepare an Order of Taking for the easements to be acquired through eminent domain. (Ref'd 11/12/2020)

2a. AN ORDER, (Ref'd 11/12/2020)

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2. COMMUNICATION-ORDER\_OF\_TAKING-PRIVATE\_PROPERTYROCKDALE\_AVE. ALLEN ST. Cover Memo



November 3, 2020

Joseph P. Lopes, President and Honorable Members of the City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Infrastructure Improvements at the Intersection of Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street
- Appraisals and Acquisitions

Dear Council President Lopes 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 privately owned property, which is needed for Infrastructure Improvements at the Intersection of Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street.

This intersection lacks multimodal amenities and has high crash cluster ratings. The redesign of this location will include minor geometric alignment improvements, traffic signal reconstruction, pedestrian, and bicycle accommodation upgrades in compliance with MassDOT's Healthy Transportation Policy and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The intent of this project is to provide safety and mobility improvements at the intersection of Rockdale Ave and Allen St. This project is planned to be funded in 2021 through the FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

The design has impacts to private property abutting the City's Right of Way for each street. The department plans to acquire the rights to the permanent and temporary easements by method of payment. DPI will utilize Chapter 90 funding to hire an appraiser and review appraiser to complete a formal property evaluation and provide a value of the easement for each parcel impacted.

The easement areas are shown on the attached plan entitled, "MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND PROFILE OF ROCKDALE AVENUE AND ALLEN STREET IN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BRISTOL COUNTY

RIGHT OF WAY PLANS (75% PROGRESS PRINT) FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. -", sheets 1 through 6.

The current estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$3.1 million and the MassDOT advertisement date is scheduled for March 2021.

Enclosed for your consideration, please find 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 12, 2020 City Council meeting.

Sincerely

Jonathan F. Mitche

Mayor

cc: Jamie Ponte, Commissioner of Public Infrastructure
Jane Medeiros Friedman, First Assistant City Solicitor

# **Department of Public Infrastructure**



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor Jamie Ponte Commissioner

Water
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Park Maintenance
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Energy

October 29, 2020

Mr. Jonathan F. Mitchell City of New Bedford, Mayor 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Subject:

Request for Appraisal Services for Infrastructure Improvements

At the intersection of Rockdale Ave and Allen St

# Dear Mayor Mitchell:

The Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI) is designing infrastructure improvements at the signalized intersection of Rockdale Ave and Allen St. This intersection lacks multimodal amenities and has high crash cluster ratings. The redesign of this location will include minor geometric alignment improvements, traffic signal reconstruction, pedestrian and bicycle accommodation upgrades in compliance with MassDOT's Healthy Transportation Policy and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The intent of this project is to provide safety and mobility improvements at the intersection of Rockdale Ave and Allen St. This project has a current cost estimate of \$3,100,000 and is slated to be funded in 2021 through the FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

The design has impacts to private property abutting the City's Right of Way for each street. The department plans to acquire the rights to the permanent and temporary easements by method of payment. DPI will utilize Chapter 90 funding to hire an appraiser and review appraiser to complete a formal property evaluation and provide a value of the easement for each parcel impacted.

Please see attached plan set for the above referenced project showing the redesign and easement impacts. DPI requests that this project be presented to City Council to proceed with the Right of Way process and stay on schedule for our MassDOT advertisement date in March 2021.

Sincerely,

Commissioner

Cc: Manuel Silva Shawn Syde Jane Medeiros Friedman

# Attachments:

Plan and Profile of Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street, Right of Way Plans (75% Progress Print), by CDM Smith, dated 10-27-2020



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

# CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 2020

ORDERED that, the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to obtain appraisals of privately owned property, located in the City of New Bedford along Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street, which is needed for Infrastructure Improvements at the Intersection of Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street, as shown on the attached plan entitled, "MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND PROFILE OF ROCKDALE AVENUE AND ALLEN STREET IN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BRISTOL COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY PLANS (75% PROGRESS PRINT) FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. -", sheets 1 through 6, 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.

# MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY DIVISION

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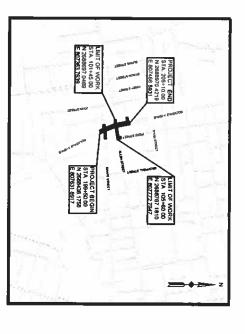
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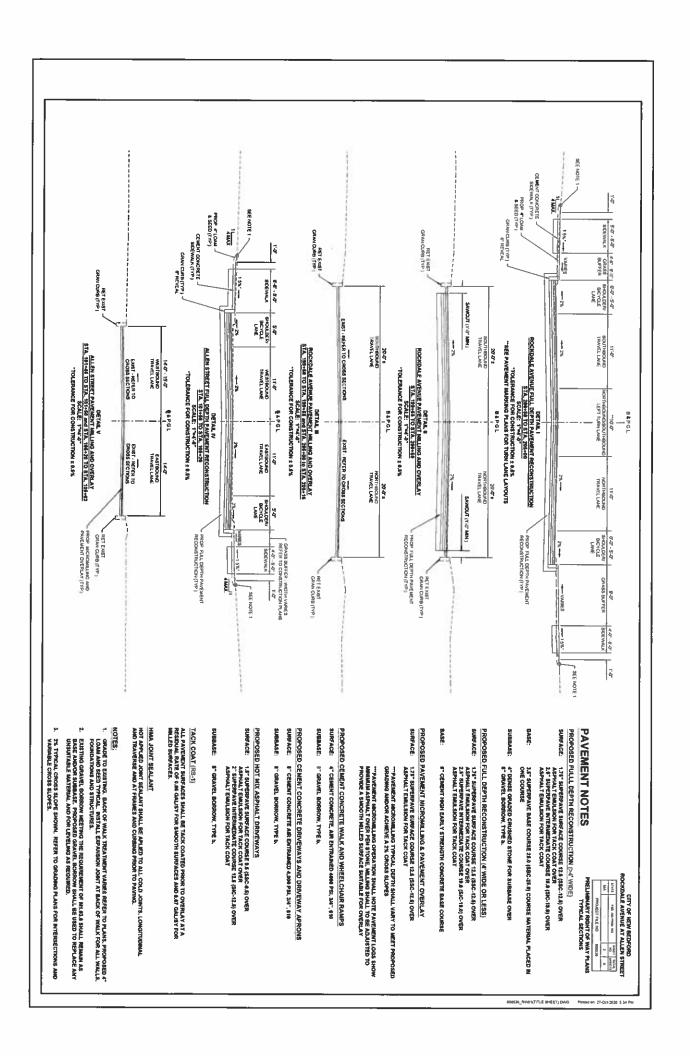
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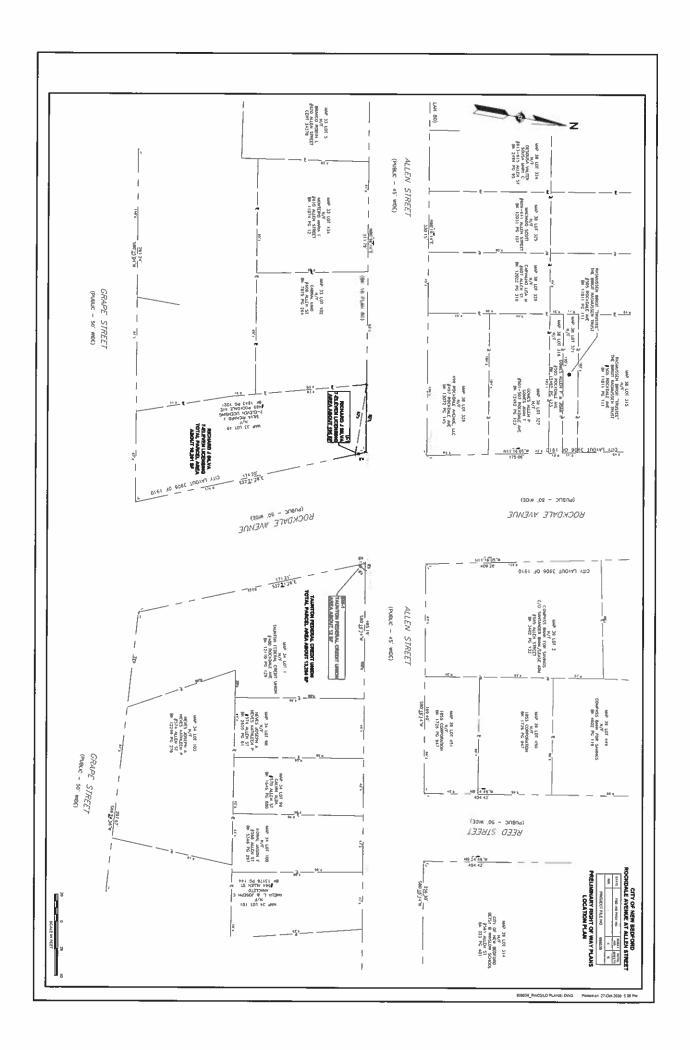
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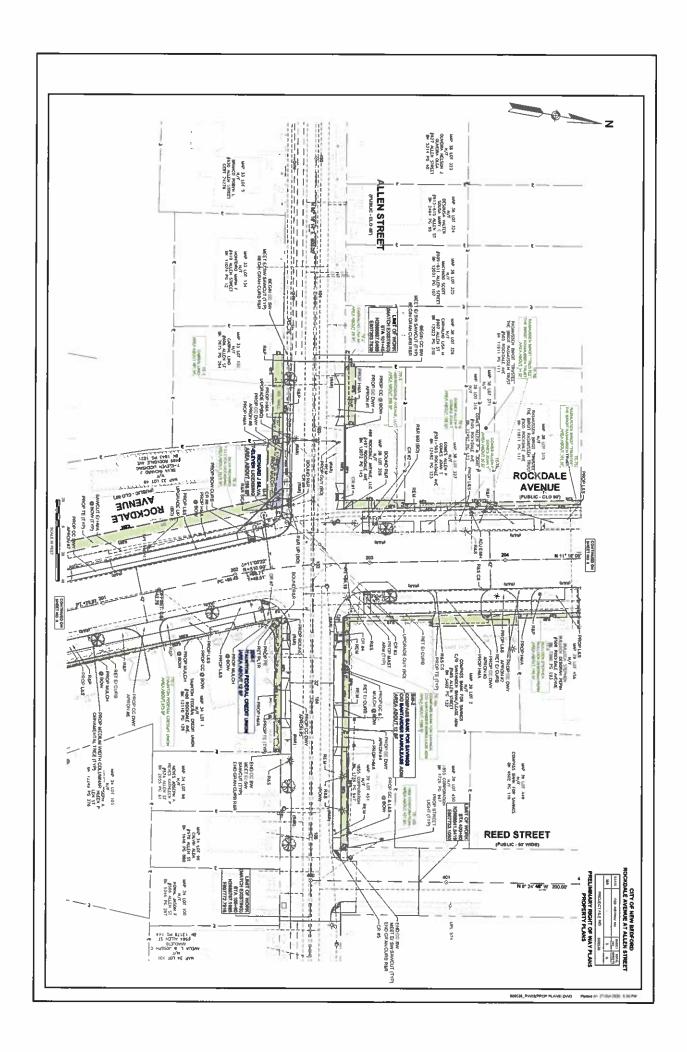
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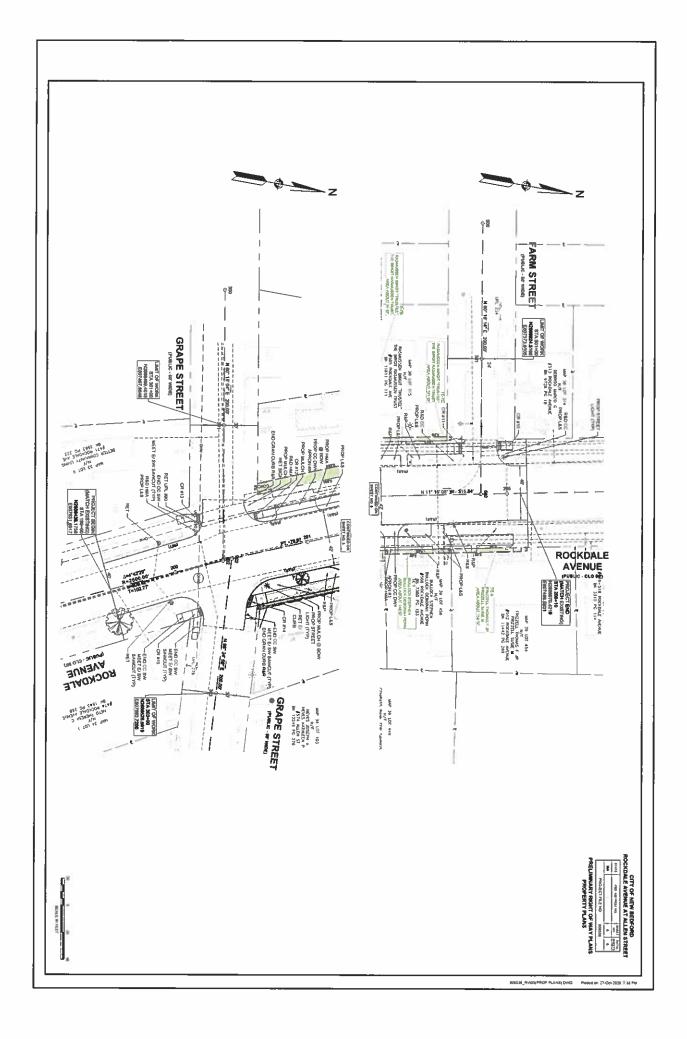


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