

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **RE: ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON BRIMBAL AVENUE AND SOHIER ROAD**

Beverly MA – Beginning in early April 2015 road work will commence at Brimbal Avenue, Sohier Road and the Connector Road between them. The work will include construction of two roundabouts, one at the top of the connector road where it meets Brimbal Ave and a second at the bottom of the connector road where it meets Sohier Road. The work will also include road improvements on Brimbal Avenue from the Route 128 over-pass to Herrick Street Extension as well as on Sohier Road from the Route 128 Exit 19 off ramp to North Ridge Road.

This project is scheduled to be largely completed by the end of 2015, with the possibility of some final work necessary in early 2016. The project will be funded entirely by a \$5 Million Mass Works Grant provided by the state's Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

Mayor Mike Cahill said, "This is a very exciting and important project for the City of Beverly. Currently, these two intersections are among our most dangerous in the City and have been in desperate need of improvements. The new roads will provide a safer and more efficient way to travel in this section of the city."

In anticipation of the work, the Mayor's Office has also created a Project Committee made up of city officials, elected representatives, the contractor and abutting property owners. The Committee will be tasked with proactively looking to minimize disruption for those who live, work or travel through this section of the city, as well as being responsive when unexpected issues arise during construction.

Mayor Cahill said, "My administration will work tirelessly to head off problems before they occur and aggressively address them if and when they arise. We plan to work closely with the contractor and provide clear and timely information to the public, with the hope that we can avoid many of the frustrations that often come with major road work."

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