

Project Status Report

13 February 2014

Canton, Everett, Forbes Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project

Description: Westwood is a community committed to enhancing the environment for its residents and addressing their concerns. The proposed project noted here is one of a number of Traffic Calming projects which have been implemented in the community.

Due to high vehicle speeds and the volume of traffic on Canton and Everett Streets especially during the peak travel hours the neighborhood requested that the town take measures to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. The goal of any physical work on those roads is lowering the speed of vehicles and reducing the volume of cut-through traffic.

The Town with BETA Group, our traffic consultant, has held several public meetings with neighborhood residents to communicate and review the various methods that could be used to achieve the goals. Through a collaborative effort involving residents and the Town, our consultant has developed a workable, phased plan. The first phase of this plan has been submitted to the Norfolk County Engineers office and is currently scheduled for a hearing before the Commissioners on February 12th at 1:30 PM.

The work entails three separate techniques that working together will help reduce vehicle speed and cut-through traffic. The three techniques being:

- horizontal alignment changes to realign intersections and add stop signs
- curbed median “slow point” islands separating the two directions of travel
- speed reduction pavement markings, signs, and electronic “your speed” signs

Status:

- Plans have be developed to 90% design stage by BETA
- Public hearing was held on February 12
- 4 locations (3 on Canton, 1 on Everett) to have horizontal alignment curves with stop signs, 4 linear median islands on Canton St., 2 automatic reading speed reading boards on Canton close to East St. Rotary.
- Expect to put recommended measures in place by late spring 2014 in a phased approach.
- Town will assess the effectiveness and communicate results and receive input from residents in similar public involvement process as was used in the planning stage.