

## **Ballot Question 2 – 5/17/10**

### **Downtown Design and Construction Plan**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Improvements to Hopkinton's downtown have been accepted into state's roadway construction program. Under this program, construction is funded by MassDOT but design must be funded by the town. The Design to Construction cost ratio is typically \$1:\$10, so our \$400,000 investment will result in a \$4,000,000 construction project. The state requires town to provide design money to ensure that the town has a say in the outcome; the project is a partnership.

#### **STATE'S INTEREST – Why does the State fund these projects?**

- Help Communities Make Public Improvements
- Improve Traffic Safety & Mobility
- Stimulate Economic Activity
- Stimulate Private Investment / Development
- Project will address existing deficiencies:
  - ADA non-compliant ramps
  - Poor pavement
  - Telephone poles in roadway
  - Narrow sidewalks
  
- Leverage Other Activities (underground utilities, water main work, etc)

#### **What's included in the State-Funded Project:**

- Rehabilitate Pavement
- Upgrade Storm Drainage Facilities
- Reconstruct and Improve Sidewalks
- Reset / Install New Curbing
- Provide ADA Compliant Wheelchair Ramps / Access
- Traffic Signal Upgrades
- Possible New Signal @ Pleasant St
- Streetscape Enhancements
- Landscaping/Plantings
- Reduce Crosswalk Lengths & Improve Markings

Related Activities:

- Upgrade Water Main on Main St
- Possible Undergrounding of Utilities
- Possible Period Lighting
- Coordination w/ Legacy Farms' Improvements

**HOPKINTON'S SHARE: What does our \$400,000 Buy:**

- **Project Design** that can be bid for construction.  
Products include: Full set of Plans, Specifications, Cost Estimates, Permitting & Other Required Documents
- **Design Effort** including: Field Survey, Traffic Studies, Range of Engineering (roadway & signal design, grading, drainage, signals), as well as Streetscape Design
- **Communication Process** including: Community mtgs. Workshops, Public hearing
- **Evaluation of Undergrounding Utilities**

**Costs if Project Not Done:**

- Downtown deterioration means maintenance is required
  - Resurfacing and Replacing Sidewalks
  - Install Handicap Ramps
  - Drainage Improvements
  - Reset Curbing
- An estimated \$200k was spent over the past 5 yrs; similar spending anticipated in future years
- Water main replacement will require \$150,000 repaving; can be p-art of construction or paid separately
- Town funds not spent in Downtown can be spent elsewhere in Town

Vote YES on May 17; Spend \$400,000 to obtain \$4,000,000 in State funding and avoid \$100,000s in piecemeal maintenance costs.

Questions:

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