

Gardner Public Schools

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Topic: Public Informational Meeting - Elm Street School - MassDOT Safe Routes to School
Time: Feb 11, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Format: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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The City of Gardner has scheduled a Public Informational Meeting regarding the MassDOT sponsored Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project at the Elm Street School. City Officials alongside MassDOT's design consultant, WorldTech Engineering, will provide an overview of the application process, proposed improvements to address safety and accessibility, anticipated construction schedule, and design milestones moving forward. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually. Attendees may participate in the virtual meeting using the login details provided above. Once the formal presentation is complete, attendees may ask questions using the chat function. Please find a brief description of the project below.

Infrastructure improvements along Elm Street, from Cross Street to Temple Street, include new cement concrete sidewalks and granite curbing, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps at designated crosswalks, pavement restoration via mill and overlay, and minor stormwater collection system modifications based on curb line modifications. The project will include a formalized pick-up and drop-off area along the frontage of the Elm Street School. Crosswalks at the school driveways will be shortened with the installation of curb extensions and ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps. Each school crosswalk will include pedestrian activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) to alert motorists of the active crossing.

Based on the existing roadway width and pavement restoration proposed, the design includes reallocating travel space for dedicated bicycle lanes in each direction on Elm Street. Along the school frontage the northbound bicycle lane will be at sidewalk level, offset from the high turnover parking zone.

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