

September 26, 2022

To: Abutters of Third Avenue in Somerville, Massachusetts

Cc: B. Conway

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NSPB – TOWARDEX

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### Re: Third Avenue Street Improvement Project

Dear Abutters of Third Avenue,

In coordination with the City of Somerville Engineering Division and on behalf of TOWARDEX (Project Owner), we will be repaying Third Avenue as follows:

Dates of Construction (Weather Permitting): Monday, October 17 – Friday, October 28

Location: City owned section of Third Avenue - Inner Belt Road to front of MBTA GLX Vehicle Maintenance Facility

Work Hours: 8AM – 3:30PM

#### **Approximate Construction Scope of Work:**

- Monday, October 17: Cold planing of roadway to depth of 2 inches. Mill the existing road surface to prepare for repaying; curb to curb.
- Wednesday, October 19: Adjust and repair manholes, catch basins and gate boxes as needed. Reconstruct sidewalks at the intersection of Inner Belt Road and install two ADA-compliant handicap sidewalk ramps.
- Week of October 24: Final paving.

#### **Please Note:**

- NO PARKING will be marked and enforced.
- While access will be maintained for abutters (where possible), through traffic will be restricted during work hours.
- We request that all abutters park their vehicles outside of the work zone on the marked day or the night before. We will do our best to maintain driveway access, but this may not be possible at all times.
- Please obey all detours, No Parking signs, and posted signs and flashing message boards. We thank you for your cooperation.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

TWDX Infrastructure: (617) 863-8325 or via email at <u>plantmaster@towardex.com</u> City of Somerville: 311 or (617) 666-3311 (if outside the City)

City of Somervine. 311 of (617) 600-3311 (if outside the City)

This street improvement work is being performed as part of the **Third Avenue Interconnection** utility project by TOWARDEX. For more information about this project, you can visit online at the following URL, or scan the below QR Code:

## https://infrastructure.twdx.net/ThirdAve





September 26, 2022

To: Members of the Joint Trench Partners System at Inner Belt

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**Re:** Third Avenue Street Improvement Project

Dear Members of the Joint Trench Partners.

This letter is to notify you that in Somerville, Massachusetts, TWDX Infrastructure (a wholly owned subsidiary of TOWARDEX) is repaying Third Avenue and a portion of Inner Belt Road at the intersection. The work is being performed under coordination and supervision from the City of Somerville Engineering Division, and the timeframe of the construction (weather permitting) is from **Monday, October 17 to Friday, October 28**.

You're being notified because you're a telecommunications company who is a tenant of the Level 3 – MFN Joint Trench Partners (JTP) System with facilities installed within the Zayo-owned and operated duct system in the area.

For the street improvement project, TOWARDEX and Zayo have jointly agreed to replace all telecommunications manhole covers on Third Avenue and on portion of Inner Belt Road at the intersection. Affected Zayo manholes are identified as follows:

Cast Iron Structure	Approximate Location	Work Required
Zayo MH SOM8A	Inner Belt Rd at intersection w/ Third Ave	Replace manhole frame and cover
Zayo MH SOM8C	Third Avenue, ~115 ft down range	Replace manhole frame and cover
Zayo MH SOM8D	Third Avenue, ~353 ft down range	Replace manhole frame and cover

A contractor approved by TWDX Infrastructure and Zayo will be performing the casting replacement work for the above listed manholes. We ask that JTP members coordinate all entry and access in advance with Zayo representatives for manhole quality inspection, so that your work can be best coordinated during the street construction.

Furthermore, TWDX Infrastructure will be rebuilding sidewalks at the intersection during the Street Improvement Project—please do not park equipment or otherwise obstruct crews' access to sidewalks. Any vehicles violating No Parking restrictions at the roadwork area may be towed.

If you have any concerns or questions, you may contact us at (617) 863-8325 or via email at <a href="mailto:plantmaster@towardex.com">plantmaster@towardex.com</a>. This street improvement work is being performed as part of the **Third Avenue Interconnection** utility project by TOWARDEX. For more information about this project, you can visit online at the following URL, or scan the below QR Code:

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September 20, 2022 VIA E-MAIL

To: Network Siting Policy Board

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**Re:** Third Avenue Street Improvement Project

Dear Board Members,

As you know, the Network Siting Policy Board (NSPB) acting on behalf of TOWARDEX Technologies International, Inc., had issued a Directive to TWDX Infrastructure, LLC (the "Joint Trench Administrator"), a wholly owned subsidiary of TOWARDEX, to develop a Street Improvement Project Plan for Third Avenue in Somerville, Massachusetts. The goal of this Street Improvement Project is to restore the public right-of-way disturbed by the construction works of C15A2 Third Avenue Interconnection utility project of the Hub Express Program, and to upgrade roadway facilities in partnership with the City of Somerville in our commitment to the communities we serve.

The Joint Trench Administrator was tasked with the following: (i) work with our project engineers and trade partners to develop a comprehensive street improvement plan within the allotted budget, and (ii) engage with the City of Somerville's Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) to review and provide guidance on our plans to ensure that our works are in compliance with Somerville's accessibility and roadway design standards, local statutes and governmental codes for public's safe use of the right-of-way.

In accordance with the above tasks, the Third Avenue Street Improvement Project Plan includes three major items:

(i) Mill the entire City-owned section of roadway curb-to-curb by cold planing two inches from the top surface, and then repave the street upon conclusion of below listed additional works.

The work also includes a portion of Inner Belt Road at the intersection. Total area to be milled and repaved is 22,900 sq. ft.

- (ii) Reconstruct sidewalks on Inner Belt Road at the intersection with Third Avenue and install two ADA compliant **Type II Pedestrian Ramps** to improve accessibility and enhance public safety. Existing curbs will be disposed of, and new granite curbs will be installed for new sidewalk constructions.
- (iii) Readjust and reinstall deteriorated manholes and cast-iron structures on Third Avenue. The project team has determined that following manholes and cast-iron structures will need to be readjusted or otherwise repaired during the roadwork:

TWDX Manholes	C19BA and C15A2 HEX manholes along Inner Belt Road and Third Avenue	Readjust & replace MH covers as required. New TOWARDEX branded MH covers to be installed.	
Zayo Manholes	MH SOM8A, SOM8C, SOM8D along Inner Belt Road and Third Avenue	Replace frame and cover on all of them. Zayo will provide new Zayo branded MH frame & cover.	
City of Somerville Storm Drain Manholes	3 of them along Third Avenue	Readjust frame	
Buried Storm Drain Manhole	At end of Third Avenue in front of MBTA GLX Vehicle Maintenance Facility.	Expose buried manhole, set new City of Somerville branded MH frame and cover. Coordinate with Somerville IAM and Water & Sewer.	
City of Somerville Water Main Gate Valves	At least 1 needing readjustment on Third Avenue as identified by the project engineer.	Readjust gate valve as required, coordinate with Water & Sewer Department.	
National Grid Gas Gate Valves	At least 1 needing readjustment and repair identified by the project engineer and National Grid Damage Prevention inspector.	Coordinate with National Grid to implement site repairs during roadwork.	

City of Somerville IAM has reviewed and provided feedback on the Street Improvement Project Plan for TOWARDEX Hub Express Program activities in Third Avenue. The project plan as provided and reviewed with the City is attached hereto under Exhibit A.



Furthermore, due to rising inflationary costs and unanticipated increases in project scope (for example, additional work to reconstruct sidewalks at the intersection), the Project Estimator has determined that street improvement works herein will exceed ROW Restoration Budget for the C15A2 Third Avenue Interconnection project. Below is the new revised estimate submitted to TOWARDEX corporate finance for approval and issuance of Notice to Proceed and Purchase Order:

Task	Original Estimate	New Revised Estimate
Curb-to-curb milling and repaving of Third Avenue	\$176,282	\$194,650
(520' from Inner Belt Rd.)		
Manhole repairs and readjustments	\$8,400	\$9,810
Sidewalk reconstruction and accessibility improvements at	\$0	\$21,100
intersection with Inner Belt Road	Not included in original plans	
Contingency Budget for Change Orders and Differing Site	\$25,503	\$11,450
Conditions		
Engineering and TTCP (Temporary Traffic Control Plan)	\$0	\$26,400
Includes costs of engineering services, project management, permits,	Original plan assumed for	
police details and hiring of traffic control vendor to erect construction	traffic control to be covered	
roadwork signs, cones, barriers and flagging to provide work zone protection.	on T&M basis from Contingency Budget for	
protection.	Change Orders.	
Sub-total	\$210,185	\$263,410

The Third Avenue Street Improvement Project will exceed the original C15A2 ROW Restoration Budget by an additional \$53,225. However, the project team was able to secure total savings of \$45,845 from both value engineering efforts and repossession of unclaimed budget from Lateral Constructions, allowing us to fund most of the cost increases in ROW Restoration. The total budget of \$1.17 million for C15A2 Third Avenue Interconnection project is unlikely to be exceeded by significant amount. Upon conclusion of the project, the Project Estimator will provide an updated accounting of costs in its closeout report to NSPB.

Having received approvals from both TOWARDEX corporate and City of Somerville IAM on construction plans, we have tentatively agreed with the City to commence roadway construction on **October 17, 2022**. As such, the Joint Trench Administrator will begin pulling necessary safety and construction permits and notify utilities in accordance with MGL c.82 § 40 to prepare for construction. Abutters and utility owners on the street will also be notified in writing via Abutter Notices to inform them of the street construction.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gavin R. Schoch General Manager









