

the Whistler

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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE FEB. 9 MEETING

Newport Road & Roseland St. Sewer/Storm Water Separation & Road Work

As part of Cambridge's on-going sewer and storm water separation project, the Department of Public Works will begin construction on Newport Road and Roseland Street this summer to upgrade the utilities and roadway surface.

City staff who attended the February ANC meeting to present the project included Melissa Miguel, PE Supervising Engineer and Eric Breen, Engineer, accompanied by John Rogers, Civil Team Leader and Kate Maker, Project Manager, both of Kleinfelder, an employee-owned architecture, engineering, and science consulting firm.

The DPW will place the project out for bid this upcoming April, and begin sewer separation work in summer 2016. They anticipate completing that portion of the project by fall 2016, and completing the road resurfacing and sidewalk work fall 2017, weather and conditions pending.

The project includes:

- New water/sewer/drain utilities
- New American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks
- Repaved roadway – Roseland St. from Beacon St. (Somerville) to Lesley University; as well as Newport Road in its entirety
- New traffic-calming table at the intersection of Roseland and Frost Sts. (similar to the traffic-calming tables on Oxford at Garfield and Wendell Sts.), which will also require installation of catch basins to assist with drainage
- New ADA compliant handicap ramp on Newport Road (see attached sketches)
- Possible removal of one tree on Roseland St.

Residents can expect:

- DPW will notify residents in a timely manner if anticipated work will impact access to streets and homes, and all project-related information will be posted online at: bit.ly/dpw-newport-and-roseland-improvements
- 24-hour notice will be given for interruptions to water or sewer service, and any outages most likely will occur between 7:00

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



MAR. 8 - 7:30 PM

Maud Morgan Arts
20A Sacramento Street

Agenda:

- Project Update: **Newport Road and Roseland Street Sewer Separation and Surface Restoration**
- Meet the owners of Honeycomb Creamery, **a new ice cream shop proposed for 1702 Mass. Ave.**

AM-3:30 PM (with the exception of emergencies and unforeseen conditions)

- Trenches dug for sewer and water main work will be paved over at each day's end
- The contractor will park construction equipment on the street(s) at each day's end
- Regarding the new sidewalks, DPW replaces like materials with like. Residents who wish to change to brick in front of their homes can elect to do so for a fee. The City will distribute sidewalk material forms at the start of the project. Square footage costs will be based on contractor bid prices for brick sidewalk.
- There will be a small amount of coordination with Somerville Public Works
- DPW can accommodate special needs; advanced notice is appreciated

Q&A

- Q:** How long will the whole project take from start to finish?
- A:** For the sewer work on Newport Road: three to six months (no work from approximately November 1st to April 1st due to winter moratorium), working Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Overall, project completion is expected for fall 2017.
- Q:** To address limited visibility at the new crosswalk on Newport Road, please install a sign to alert drivers who might not be able to see around the curve in the road.
- A:** Yes, we can install a sign to indicate the crosswalk.
- Q:** Will the sidewalk widths change on Newport Road?
- A:** No, they'll stay the same.
- Q:** Will there any be loss of parking spaces on Newport Road?
- A:** One space will need to be removed to accommodate the new crosswalk.
- Q:** What is your plan for dealing with rats?
- A:** Digging up the road causes vibrations, which

can drive out rats. The contractor will develop a program to address this ahead of the construction work. They use bait and traps in the catch basins and behind dumpsters where rats congregate, and check the traps on a regular basis. Upon contract approval, DPW staff will review the contractor's plan for dealing with rats.

DPW Joins ANC in March

DPW will return to ANC on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 PM. Please join us to learn more about this project.

Additional Information

For information related to construction or to receive project updates via email, contact Community Relations Manager Kelly Dunn at (617) 349-4870 or kdunn@cambridgema.gov.

For accommodations or continuation of special services related to a disability or special need, please contact Melissa Miguel, PE – Supervising Engineer at mmiguel@cambridgema.gov or (617) 349-9351.

For 24-hour emergency assistance, please call (617) 349-4800.

DPW Project Page

Learn more online at:
bit.ly/dpw-newport-and-roseland-improvements

Sewer/Storm water Separation Background

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Cambridge has been engaged in separating sewer water from storm water since the 1930s, with the final goal of separated systems to convey only sewer water to the treatment plant and only storm water to the river.

Organized in program areas representing actual water-flow rather than neighborhood boundaries, the sewer separation project evolved to include reconstructing entire streets, since many are in poor condition. This includes installing

new water mains, replacing gas mains, and surface enhancements such as street repaving, new sidewalks, and traffic calming measures.

In the late 1990s, to alleviate flooding, DPW began installation of holding tanks designed to contain large volumes of water from severe storms. Currently these tanks exist on Scott St., Museum St., Beacon St., beneath Harvard Yard, and beneath the Cambridge Public Library on Broadway.



Community

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Agassiz Baldwin Community thanks our Annual Fund supporters from 2015.

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**Agassiz Baldwin
 Children's Programs**

HIP HOP FESTIVAL PHOTOS

This year, we wished a happy 20th anniversary to our Hip Hop Festival of dance and music for a school-age audience. The showcase featured returning favorites Emcee Naheem Garcia, Community Arts Center, OrigiNation, King Open Extended Day Dance Crew, FloorLords, and Cambridge Community Center's The Hip Hop Transformation, backed by the beats of DJ KidSpin.



Many thanks to Molly Juhlin, Micah Eglington-Woods, Phoebe Sinclair, and other Agassiz Baldwin team members for organizing the event. Special thanks to all the kids, parents, and hip hop enthusiasts who attended.

Missed the event? View photos online at: bit.ly/hip-hop-fest-photos-2016



ENROLL IN SACRAMENTO STREET PRESCHOOL THIS SPRING

Sacramento Street Preschool has three remaining spots for families interested in enrolling their child on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March-June.



- Families may register for the regular day (8:30 AM–12:00 PM) or extended day (8:30 AM–2:30 PM).
- Lunch time and extended day options are also available on an as-needed basis for students enrolled in the regular day.

Located at 20 Sacramento Street, our preschool

provides a small, individualized program for students ages two years nine months to five years. We see each child as an individual with unique social, emotional, physical, and cognitive strengths and needs.

Firm believers in play, our teachers create a developmentally appropriate curriculum of sensory exploration, dramatic play, and music and visual arts.

Our Space

There are dedicated art classes at the Maud Morgan Arts Center, and a spacious backyard that includes a sandbox with a water component, children's garden, and plenty of room to run around and play. Classrooms consist of a kitchen/art room, large meeting room, and a cozy carpeted playroom.

Learn More

Learn more online at:
agassiz.org/childrens-programs/preschool

To schedule a visit, please contact Samantha Eaton, Early Ed. Site Director, at (617) 349-6287 x14 or seaton@agassiz.org.



Living Well Network

ENGAGE IN ART THIS SPRING

Maud Morgan Arts offers classes and workshops for all experience levels. Below are a few that may appeal to older adults and people interested in trying something new.

No Pressure: Monoprint / Monotype Printmaking Introduction with Randy Garber

When: Sunday, March 6,
10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Where: Maud Morgan Arts,
20A Sacramento St.
Who: Adult and high school
Fee: \$135 + \$15 Materials

Register: bit.ly/MMA-workshops or call Haley MacKeil at (617) 349-6287 x29 for help registering

Conceived as a workshop for artists who have some experience creating images, but who might never have experienced the transformative thrill of printmaking, this is an opportunity to simply mess around and have fun. No printmaking experience is necessary.

Forever Creative: Memory Maps with Kelly Kraehe

When: 8 Mondays, April 11-June 13,
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Where: Maud Morgan Arts,
20A Sacramento St.
Who: Adults 55+
Fee: LWN Members FREE + \$25 materials fee; general public \$100 + \$25 materials fee
Register: bit.ly/MMA-workshops or call Colin Barr at (617) 349-6287 x21 for help registering

This is a workshop and class that builds on the concept of celebrating and preserving life's memories through art. Themes may include: the concept of aging such as representing one moment, day or year(s) of time; a timeline of events that can be linear or cyclical; seasons of life analogous to the seasons of nature; symbols of aging such as plants and trees; the use of maps to represent the journey of life; and the importance of key relationships in the aging process.

Final projects are a collaboration between the ideas and goals of participants with guidance from the instructor. Four classes will be taught by Kelly Kraehe, and alternating weeks will be open studio time without instruction.

Forever Creative is a joint program between the Living Well Network and Maud Morgan Arts.

Learn more online at:
bit.ly/forever-creative-art-classes

Community Calendar

March 2016

Tuesday, March 1		Election Day
Tuesday, March 8	7:30-9:00 PM	ANC Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St. All are welcome, please join us!
Wednesday, March 9	6:00-7:30 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St., 2nd Floor Public welcome

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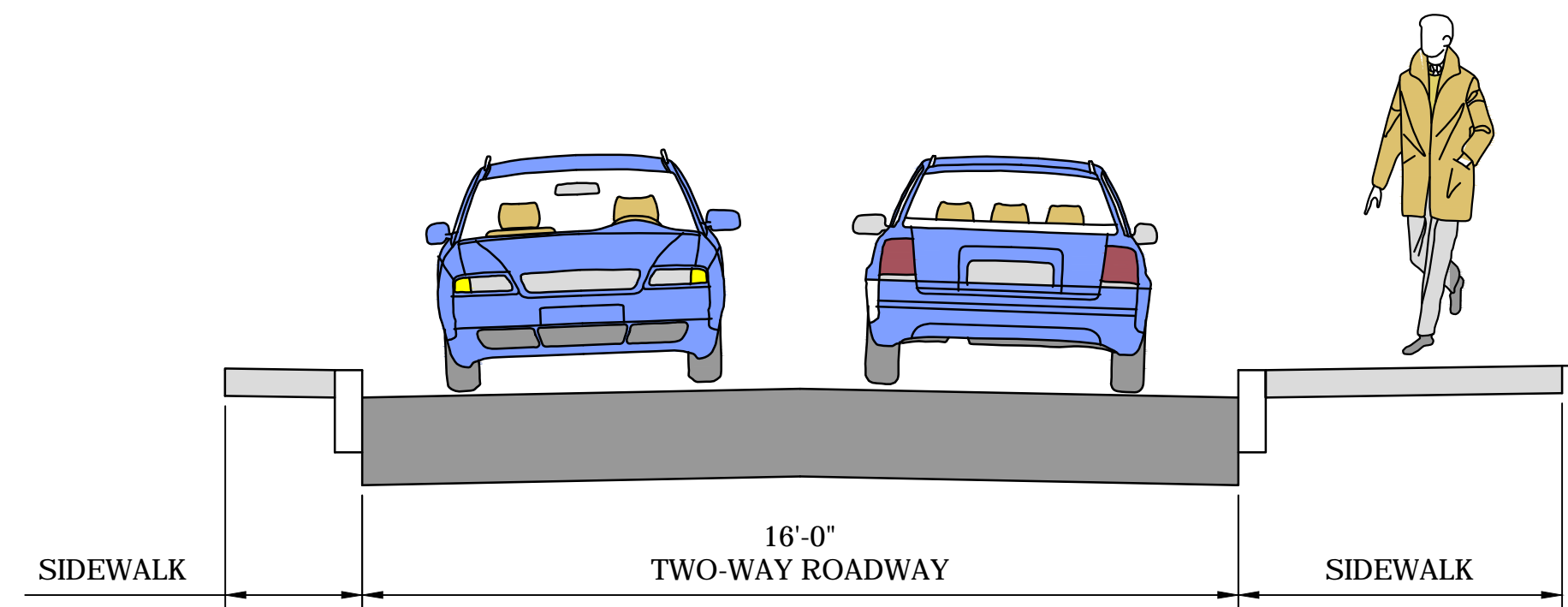
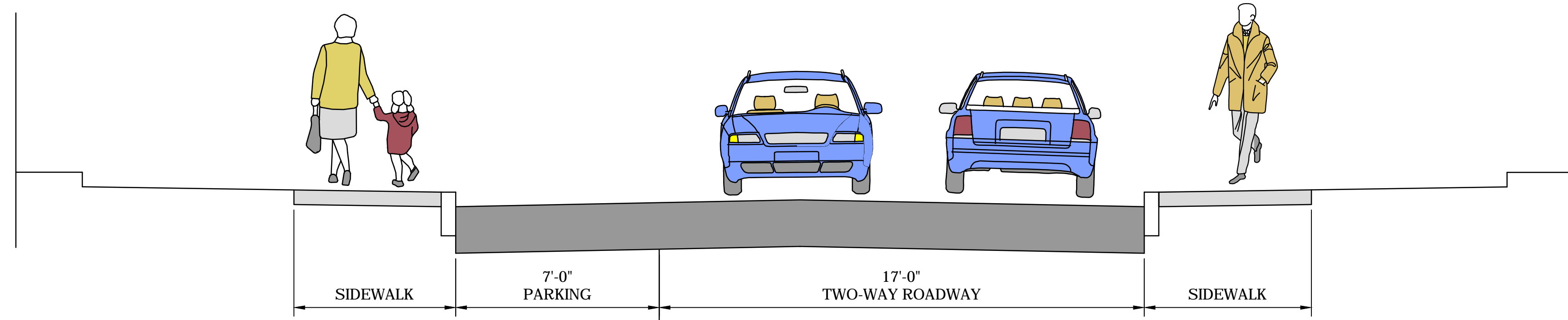




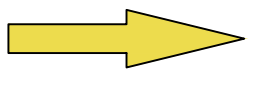



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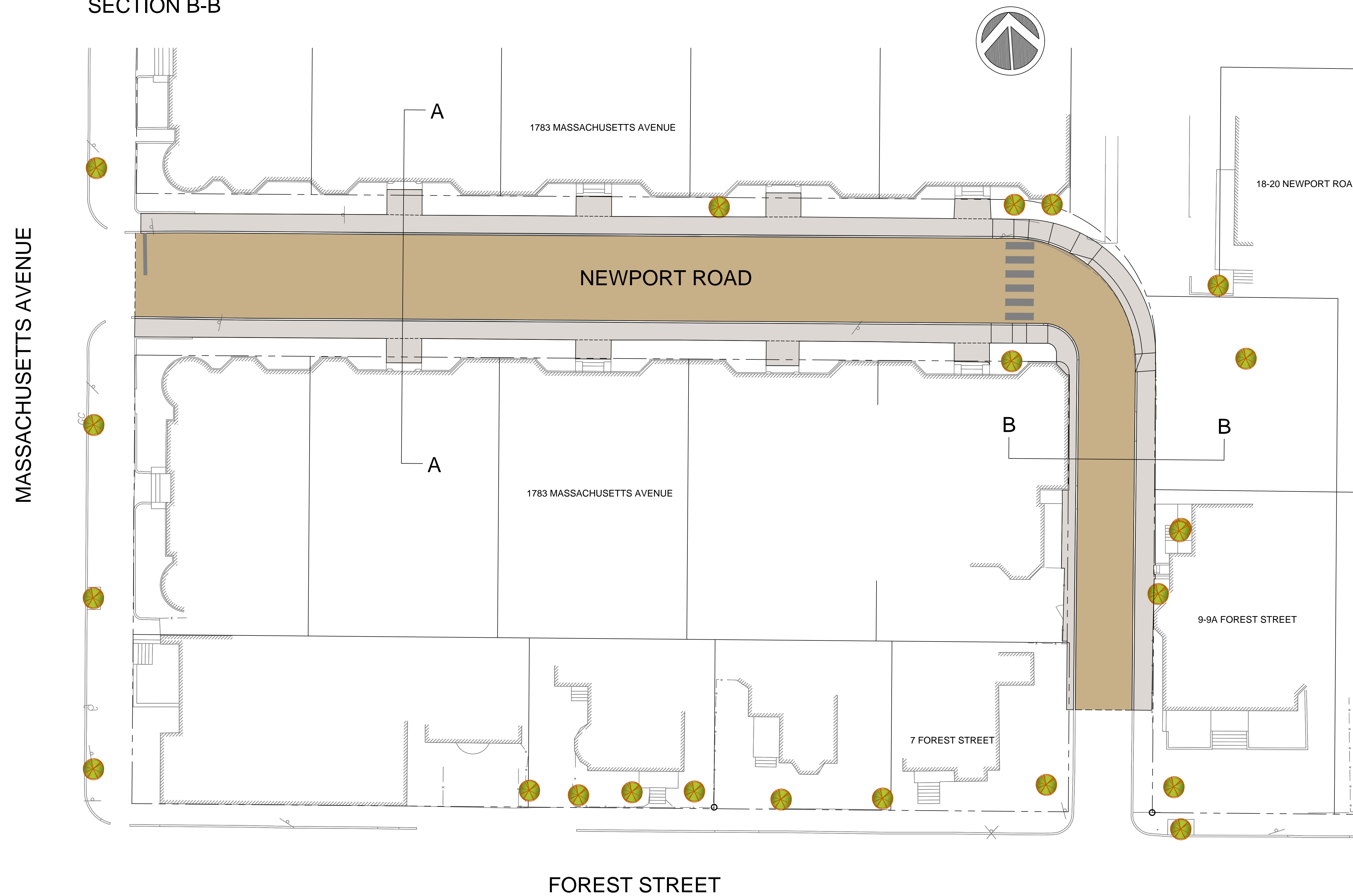
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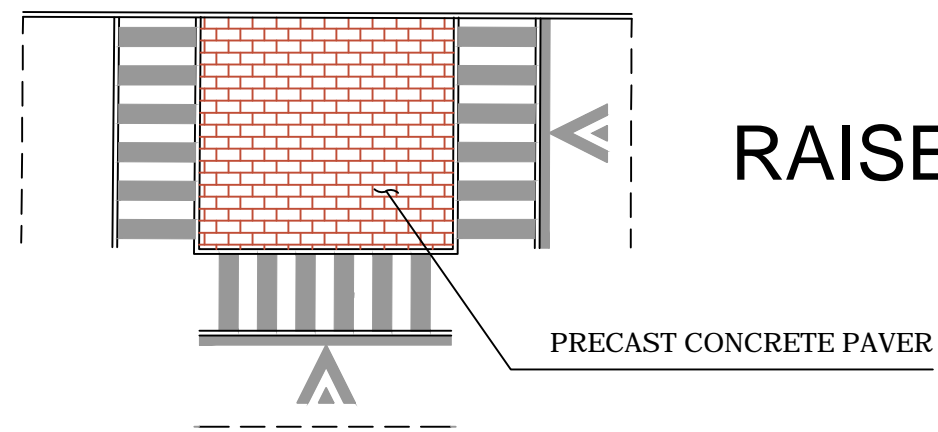
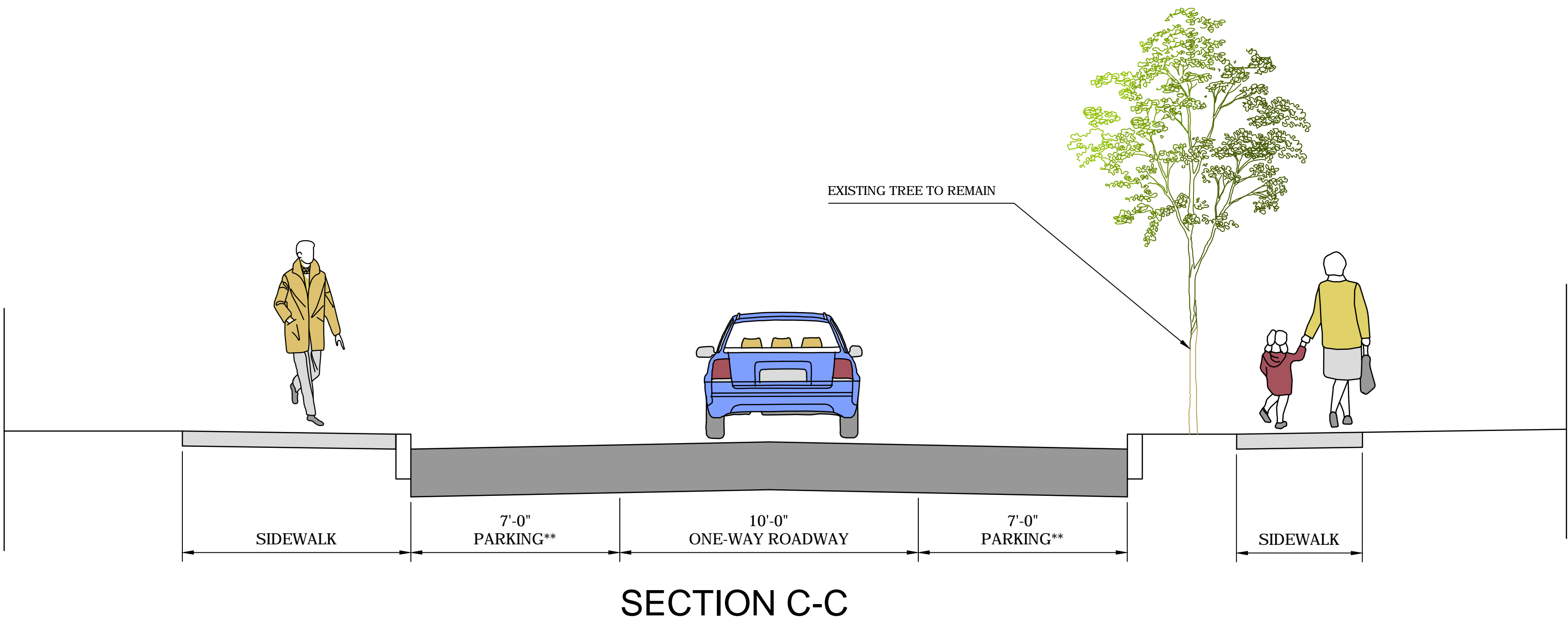




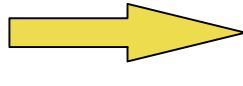



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