

# National Grid & Watertown Mt. Auburn St. Project

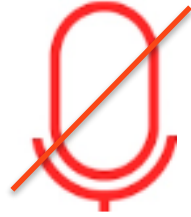
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Watertown and Public Works Team



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# WELCOME – THESE ARE THE STEPS USED FOR QUESTIONS AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION



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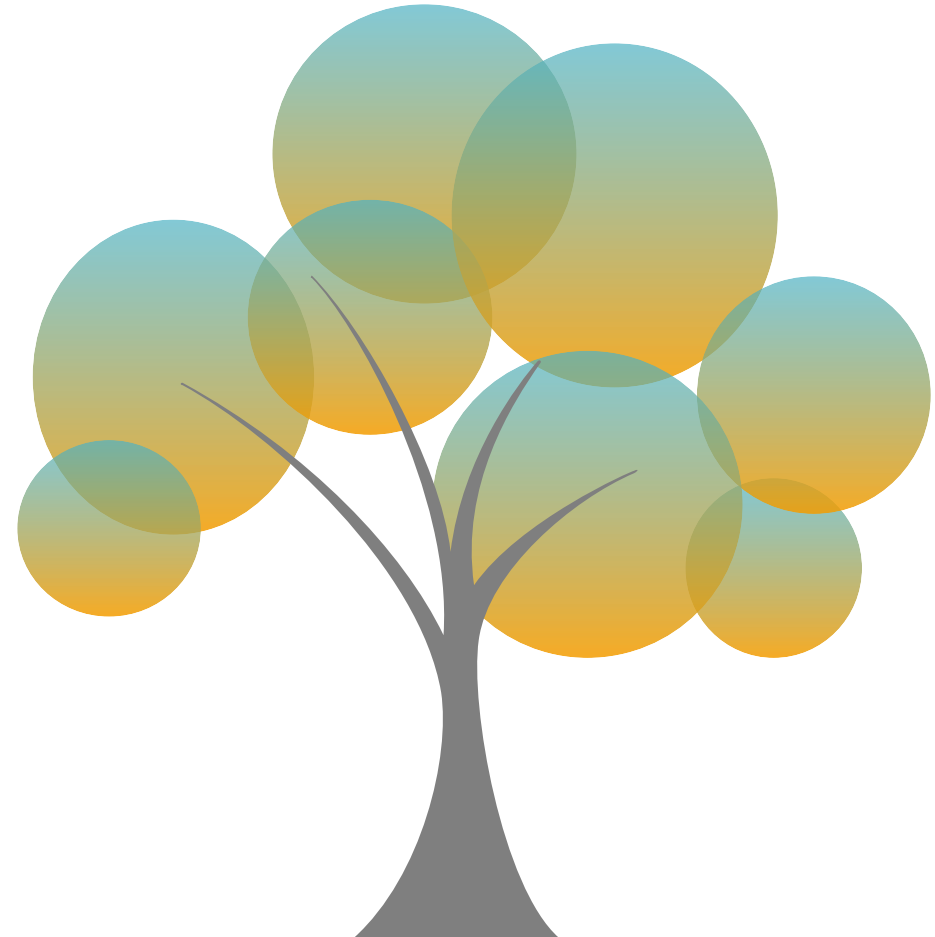
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# Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown Project

- **Scope:** Gas main replacement work required within Mt. Auburn St. from Watertown Square to the Cambridge line.
- **Approximately 2 miles long and will be broken into 4 sections for construction.**
- **Groups involved:** National Grid, Feeney Brothers, Watertown, Cambridge, Mass DOT, MBTA.
- **This information only relates to National Grid's Gas main replacement portion of the project.**

Customer Benefit	Environmental Benefit
<p data-bbox="504 735 828 892">Upgraded gas system and improved reliability performance</p> <p data-bbox="504 942 777 1056">Fewer leaks and additional safety devices</p>	<p data-bbox="930 735 1253 1013">Reduction of methane and carbon dioxide emissions from the older leak-prone system components</p>



# Advantages of Main Replacement vs. Main Repair

## Main Replacement

- Install a new pipeline and take aging pipe out of service.
- Eliminates current and future repair points.



## Main Repair

- Only eliminates issue at single point of repair
- May require multiple visits to a street or site
- Does not remove risk of future needed repairs

# **Mt. Auburn Street Gas Project Facts:**

- **Feeney Brothers Utility Services will be working with National Grid.**
- **Notifications about the project will be hand-delivered, door-to-door.**
- **Our team will communicate with businesses and residents directly to accommodate scheduling/appointments, when required.**
- **Standard work times will be 7am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday. Within school zones, the work hours may be limited.**
- **There is a possibility of Saturday work. If so, start time would be 8am.**
- **At least one travel lane in each direction will be maintained. Side street closures and traffic pattern changes will be controlled and posted. The disruption to parking will be minimized.**
- **Police details to assist with vehicular and pedestrian access through the work zones.**
- **No trenches will be left open. All work will be backfilled or plated at the end of the day.**
- **Tree protection and environmental protocols will be in place.**
- **Rodent control will be utilized throughout the project.**
- **Coordination with MBTA regarding construction impacting bus stops.**

# Mt. Auburn Street Work Plan & Estimated Timelines

## Gas work will be done in phases

There will be 3 construction crews on-site to work these areas

**Phase 1A, 3/22 – 11/22**  
From Arlington St. to School St.

**Phase 1B, 3/22 – 11/22**  
From Arlington St. to Belmont St.

**Phase 1, 3/22 – 11/22**  
From Walnut St. into Watertown  
Square

**Phase 2, 11/22 – 7/2023**  
From Walnut St. to School St.

## Sequence and Intersections of the Project

- Prior to beginning Phase 1, #264-284 Arlington St. will be completed and approximately 40 ft. of gas main replacement work will be installed. Once finalized, all gas services will be transferred to the new main on Arlington St., from Wells Ave., to the end.
- Phase 1A will include connections with; School St., Windsor Ave., Langdon Ave., Boylston St., Hillside Rd., Adams St., Upland Rd., Dexter Ave., Melendy Ave., Lloyd Rd., Elton Ave., Irma Ave., Kimball Rd., Bigelow Ave., Templeton Pkwy., Arlington St.
- Phase 1B will include connections with; Arlington St., Prentiss St., Keenan St., Brimmer St., School Ln., Francis St., Norseman Ave., St. Marys St.

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- **Phase 1 will include connections with; Taylor St., Summer St., Patten St., Irving St., Palfrey St., Phillips St., Marshall St., Parker St., Chester St., Otis St., Russell Ave., Franklin St., Bates Rd., Walnut St.**
- **Phase 2 will include connections with; Walnut St., E Bates Rd., Garfield St., Lincoln St., Bailey Rd., Spruce St., Amherst Rd., Boylston St., Steams Rd., Oakley Rd., Richards Rd., Adams Ave., Chauncey St., School St.**



## Summary of Address Ranges

- Before Phase 1 work; #264-284 Arlington Street, work will be completed.
- Phase 1 addresses; #682-829 Mt. Auburn St., #445-655 Mt. Auburn St., #44-236 Mt. Auburn St.
- Phase 2 addresses; #236-455 Mt. Auburn St.

## Questions

**Call National Grid project line at 781-907-5158**

# Mt. Auburn Street Project – Common Questions

## GAS SAFETY

Q. Who should I contact if I smell gas on the street or in my home during the project?

- *Please call 1-800-233-5325 immediately from a safe location outside your home or from a neighbor's home.*

## METERS

Q. Will my meter be affected by the project?

- *Some main replacement projects do require the crew to move the meters. If the letter you received indicates that your meter will be moved as part of the project, a representative from National Grid will assess the work that is needed at your location.*

Q. If it's part of this project, why will my meter have to be moved outside?

- *Moving the meter outside helps to improve safety and, also allows easier access for National Grid to access the meter in the future.*

Q. What if my meter is already outside?

- *If your meter is already outside your service may still be interrupted for a brief period of time.*

# Mt. Auburn Street Project – Common Questions continued

## SCHEDULE

Q. If I cannot be home during the proposed construction dates, may I make alternative arrangements for the crews to access my home? *\* Yes, you can coordinate a time directly with the crew foreman.*

Q. Why are there no crews working when construction is scheduled to begin today?

- *Last minute schedule changes are sometimes possible. If there is a long-term schedule change, National Grid will notify your local Department of Public Works and will also send you additional communications.*

## CONSTRUCTION

Q. If questions arise while the crew is working on the street, who can I contact?

- *You may ask to speak with the crew foreman, or you can call the National Grid representative's number provided on the project letter.*

Q. Will I be able to park on the street during construction?

- *Restriction notifications posted throughout the designated work zone and crews will notify residents if temporary parking restrictions will be required.*

Q. There are road closure signs on my street. Will I be able to get to my house?

- *At times there may be limited admittance, but every effort will be made to allow resident's access to their homes during construction. You may approach the crew foreman or flag person if you require additional information.*

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