

TO: City Manager & Department Heads
FROM: E. Patrick Gilbert, City Services Dir.
DATE: December 16, 2004
RE: MDOT – Highway Resurfacing Projects

The Maine Department of Transportation is planning to design and advertise the following projects in the winter – spring of 2005 for construction during the summer – fall of 2005. On December 16, 2004 I met with MDOT and the Gardiner Water District to discuss issues regarding these projects.

Project Descriptions:

Project Pin # : 11287

Route 24 - Sherbourne St. to Cottage St. beginning at Sherbourne St. extending northerly 3.34 miles. The City has approximately 43 manholes that may need to be raised.

Project Pin # : 11288

West Hill Road - Route 9 to Highland beginning at Route 9 and extending northerly of Highland Ave .81 of a mile. The City has 4 manholes that may need to be raised.

Project Pin # : 11351

Route 201 Beginning 0.46 miles northerly of the Richmond Town Line and extending northerly 4.51 miles to Pierce Street. The City has 12 manholes that may need to be raised.

Project Pin # : 11353

ROUTE 201 - Pierce St. in Gardiner to just north of Northern Ave. in Farmingdale. Beginning .12 miles northerly of Pierce St. and extending northerly 1.36 miles to the Farmingdale side of Northern Ave. The City has 38 manholes that may need raising.

- MDOT will be taking care of all catchbasins (stormwater) on all the above roads.
- MDOT was not cooperative regarding the sidewalk on 201. We have approximately 1,400' of sidewalk that they do not intend to replace. They stated that policy dictates that if the sidewalk is in a poor state of repair and/or if there is no curb reveal they will not replace the structure. We will persue this as far as possible, I feel they have an obligation to rebuild this sidewalk.
- If we raise all the manholes on the above projects we will have approximately 97 manholes to contend with, at an approximate cost of \$300.00 plus or minus per unit. Total cost could be \$30,000.
- MDOT imposes a 5-year moratorium on road openings on projects of the type. Does Planning have any concerns especially on projects like # 11351? Is there anything in the works right now?, if so they should be advised and service connection made prior to paving. Unless it's an absolute emergency MDOT does not bend this rule very often
- I'm concerned about traffic. Next summer we have the Northwest Quadrant, Memorial Bridge will be closed for an extended period, the Maine Avenue Job in Farmingdale, full depth reconstruction up to approximately J&S Oil, and grinding and paving on pretty much the entire length of 201.

I would be interested in hearing any concerns or recommendations you may have regarding these issues. As always, thank you.

