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Kassandra Gove, Mayor

BILL No. 2024-061

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a 2022 Economic Development Bill Earmark from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$150,000.00 for improvements to urban pedestrian spaces.

Summary: This funding was requested and earmarked by Amesbury's state legislative delegation in the 2022 Economic Development Bill, stating "not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury for improvements to urban pedestrian spaces." The city of Amesbury will use the Improvements to Urban Pedestrian Spaces Economic Development Earmark to extend the brick sidewalk from its current terminus along Market Street just outside of Market Square approximately 210 feet and complete the project replacing an additional 70 feet of concrete walk on the same side of the street about 225 feet from Market Square.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a 2022 Economic Development Bill Earmark from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$150,000.00 for improvements to urban pedestrian spaces.



Improvements To Urban Pedestrian Spaces Economic Development Earmark, Market Street. April 2024



Market Street looking North from Market Square

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Project Scope

The city of Amesbury will use the *Improvements to Urban Pedestrian Spaces Economic Development Earmark* to extend the brick sidewalk from its current terminus along Market Street just outside of Market Square approximately 210 feet and complete the project replacing an additional 70 feet of concrete walk on the same side of the street about 225 feet from Market Square.

Additional Information

The Market Square area is already a local cultural center with restaurants, shops and an eclectic feel in many ways tied to the brick sidewalk appearance. The project will do three things. First it will extend the brick sidewalk feel from Market Square north along mixed use properties, namely storefronts and downtown apartments above and behind, extending the reach of this area, much of which is driven by foot traffic. Second the walk in this location is not in the best shape and will need replacement regardless in the next few years. Lastly, as you travel further North along Market Street you enter a densely populated area, this helps to connect these folks with the downtown environment, and any sidewalk updates are often paramount to folks living in dense urban areas.

DPW staff connected with folks from the City of Boston Public Works Department and acquired standards for new brick walks on an asphalt base, compared them to records we have here on file and realized the basic design is very similar to previous Market Square construction (1985-2000). In addition, the City of Boston recently (Spring 2024) bid out over three million dollars in similar work. They were kind enough to share their construction standard details and engineer's estimate. The city of Boston estimates should be in compliance with Massachusetts prevailing wage laws and are a modification of existing Mass DOT standards.

Amesbury DPW used information from Boston Public Works, some local vendor information and a review of field conditions to prepare an estimate. The intent or simple design is to leave the existing granite curb in place where possible, some repairs and pointing are expected, and remove the existing concrete walk, some asphalt patching and install the new walks.

All proposed work is within the existing Market Street location Right of Way (ROW), Market Street a City Street in Amesbury. Our records indicate Market Street was laid out by Essex County some time before 1908. The limit of the ROW in this area is estimated at the back of the sidewalk. No temporary construction easements or right of entry documentation is thought to be needed at this time.

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There is a sidewalk on the opposite side of the street for the length of the proposed update and cross walks in the vicinity; so, pedestrian ways can be maintained throughout the construction. Additionally, there are painted designated parking lanes parallel to the proposed construction, limiting the parking during construction will leave an adequate work space for construction staging, minimizing the effect on motorist traffic.

The existing walk varies in overall width between six and a half feet and seven and a half feet, averaging around seven meeting minimum ADA requirements. There are two small drives or alleyways that will be replaced with concrete crossings and aprons. Market Street existing abutting structures start to take on more of a dense residential appearance at the terminus of the proposed brick walk design, but as the immediate northerly section of walk is in such poor shape the balance of the work is proposed to be concrete walk.



Area, vicinity of additional concrete walk work

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DPW and the City of Amesbury Administration upon receipt of the dedicated funds will need approximately two months to complete the procurement process, award the contract to an acceptable contractor and fully execute the contract. After preconstruction discussions completion of this work is estimated at one to two months. Supply availability, labor and weather often effect this process, ultimately the straight forward nature of the project and common materials should lead to a timely completion.

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