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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 

FROM: Barry Golner, Interim Superintendent 

DATE: November 2, 2022

SUBJECT: **MOTION RESPONSE: 10/25/2022 – Councilor Robinson** – Require City Manager Provide Update And Timeline Of Citywide Crosswalk Painting

The Lowell Police Department Sign Shop conducts a Pavement Marking Program for the city each year to include crosswalks, traffic arrows, and various other intersection markings. The program rotates the starting points for major roads and for neighborhood secondary street painting yearly.

The Pavement Marking Program has completed major roads on Middlesex St., Mammoth Rd., University Ave., W. Sixth St., Lakeview Ave./Aiken Ave., Central St., Market St., Merrimack St., E. Merrimack St., and Andover St. with work ongoing. Neighborhood secondary street painting is completed in South Lowell, Downtown, the Acre, Belvidere, half of Centralville, and half of Pawtucketville with work ongoing. Major roads Father Morrisette, Lawrence St., Bridge St., Pawtucket St., Westford St., Chelmsford St., and Stevens St. are upcoming in the rotation. The Highlands and Back Central are upcoming in the neighborhood rotation.

While the sign shop usually operates at a three-person staff, they were down to two in April due to a retirement and then down to one from the Folk Festival, due to an injury. As a result of this staffing shortage, an outside vendor was hired to assist with crosswalks. The outside vendor painted approximately 175 crosswalks. Recently a new team member was hired and the sign shop is back to a two-person staff and still short one due to injury.

This coming spring, the City of Lowell will be putting out to bid the painting of crosswalks throughout the City of Lowell. This outsourcing will hopefully bring about the painting of the majority of crosswalks in the city and leave only maintenance of the painting to the Lowell Police Sign Shop personnel.