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**SUBJECT: 8/22/17 COUNCILOR BELANGER - REQUEST CITY MANAGER UPDATE  
CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ROUTE 38 IMPROVEMENTS (WIDENING) ALONG  
KITTREDGE PARK**

MassDOT is currently finalizing design plans for the Route 38 improvements which include widening of Nesmith Street from Andover Street to East Merrimack Street and traffic signal improvements at the following intersections:

- Stackpole Street
- East Merrimack Street
- Andover Street
- Boylston Street
- Douglas Road/Phoenix Avenue

This \$4.5 Million project is being funded through MassDOT but the City of Lowell is responsible for right-of-way (ROW) acquisition. The project will require a total of 32 temporary easements, 11 permanent easements, and only one property taking of one square foot of land. So far the City has sent letters to all affected property owners and has acquired five donations for the necessary easements. Discussions are ongoing for the remaining properties.

The City Manager is cognizant of the importance of this project and has committed to make funds available in order to retain the services of property appraisers in order to proceed with the easement acquisition process.

The project is scheduled to be advertised for bids in June 2, 2018.