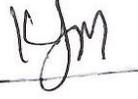




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Date: March 6, 2018  
TO: Kevin J. Murphy, City Manager   
VIA: Jim Troup, Acting DPW Commissioner  
FROM: Nicolás H. Bosonetto, P.E., City Engineer

**SUBJECT: 2/27/18 7.1 Councilor Cirillo – Request City Manager provide a report regarding road and sidewalk upgrades in the Acre, in and around Mt. Washington St., Merrimack St. (Sizzling Kitchen) and Market St.**

Several residential streets in the Acre Neighborhood are scheduled for repaving in April and May of 2018, including:

- Mt. Washington Street from Pawtucket Street to Varney Street;
- Mt. Hope Street from Pawtucket Street to Broadway;
- Butterfield Street from Mt. Hope to School Street;
- Walker Street from West Adams Street to Broadway;

The city is actively working with UML in corridor planning for the Pawtucket Street corridor. The Pawtucket Street bridges over the Northern Canal and the Pawtucket Canal are both scheduled for replacement in the next couple of years under the TIGER project. Repaving of Pawtucket Street is also anticipated in the next couple of years in coordination with the new bridges.

The Market Street bridge over the Western Canal is currently being replaced and the Broadway bridge over the Pawtucket Canal has just been completed. The Merrimack Street bridge over the Western Canal is schedule for rehabilitation as part of the TIGER project also.

Planning and design work is currently underway to convert the Merrimack Street corridor between City Hall and University Crossing into a multi-modal corridor through the addition of separated bike facilities along the southwestern side, addition of bus stops, upgraded traffic signals and the repair for sidewalks. A large portion of the financing for this project was through the off-site exactions of the Union private college dorm development. However, the project was rejected and new funding sources need to be allocated.

The sidewalks in front of the Sizzling Kitchen are in fact a vault which houses NGRID electric equipment. NGRID has been contacted and requested to fix the vault and sidewalk.