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### **Town East Hartford Resumes Road Construction as Part of the Road Improvement Program**

East Hartford, CT— The Town of East Hartford is pleased to announce that it has begun a series of road improvement projects throughout the town. With an overall goal to rehabilitate 10 miles of road each year, out of 150 miles of Town-owned road, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is taking a two-pronged approach to the roads.

“The safety and comfort of our residents, as well as the condition of our roads, are my top priority,” said Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc. “With that in mind, we are presently working to improve the road conditions in the Town of East Hartford through the Road Improvement Program.”

Last year, taxpayers approved \$15 million at a referendum to fund the road improvement program, allowing the town to continue designing and constructing road improvements, while also increasing road rehabilitation efforts with traditional mill and pave projects.

The Engineering Division is currently focusing on three major road improvement projects, which will be publicly bid to road contractors. Among those projects are:

#### **Delmont Road Neighborhood**

This project is in final design and will be put out to bid shortly. This neighborhood is located off of Burnside Avenue (Route 44) near the Manchester town line and immediately west of Wickham Park. The following roads, totaling 0.9 miles, will be reconstructed: Delmont Road, Maridon Road, Bodwell Road and Vernon Road. The work will include a full-depth reconstruction and drainage system extensions. Construction is expected to be substantially complete before the end of the construction season in 2019.

#### **Cambridge Drive Neighborhood**

This project is in semi-final design and will be put out to bid this summer. This project includes milling, paving, curbing and new signage and encompasses 3.85 miles of road between Brewer Street, Maple Street, Route 2 and Handel Road, including

- Cambridge Drive

- Evans Avenue
- Handel Road
- Hollister Road (All sections: #1, #2 & #3)
- Jefferson Lane
- Milbrook Drive
- Nassau Lane
- Oxford Drive
- Princeton Lane
- Sutton Avenue.

This construction is expected to begin this year, continuing into 2020 and finishing before the end of the construction season in 2020. The project will include improvements to the drainage outfall from Hollister Drive to Porter Brook. After this project is constructed, a large state and federal-funded project will be addressed to completely reconstruct Brewer Street (from Main Street to just east of Jefferson Lane) in 2020 and 2021.

### **Burnham Street East**

This project includes full-depth reconstruction of Burnham Street from Temple Street to the Manchester Town line and pavement rehabilitation of Sherwood Drive. This project includes a total length of 0.88 miles and it is currently in concept design with a primary focus on utility coordination, as gas and water mains presently do not extend along these roads. A primary focus for this project will be drainage improvements – moving runoff under the road to avoid overtopping and avoid impact to adjacent homes or properties. This project will also include curbing and sign replacement and will likely be under construction in the fall of 2020, provided the required permits are obtained by that time.

Additionally, the Streets Division of DPW is continuing the reclamation of Brewer Street, from High Street to Mitchell Drive, with work including accessible sidewalk ramps, minor drainage improvements, new basin tops, tree trimming, new signs, painted pavement markings, as needed, and traffic loops. In 2019, those efforts will start with a highly-traveled portion of Governor Street from the Route 2 “East Hartford” exit to Prospect Street. That work will be complete in May of this year.

### **Additional mill and pave streets for 2019 include:**

- Brewer Street (east of Forbes Street)
- Forbes Street (Glastonbury town line to Heritage Lane)
- Green Manor Drive (South of both intersections with Westerly Terrace)
- Jarman Drive
- Linwood Drive
- Maple Street
- Mitchell Drive

- Montclair Drive
- Timber Trail
- Tolland Street
- Wadsworth Street

The first of this list of roads scheduled for rehabilitation is Tolland Street. Additional roads will be milled and paved in 2020 using remaining bond funding.

For more information about the road improvement program, including links to the specific improvement efforts, please visit [www.easthartfordct.gov/engineering/pages/roadway-improvement-project](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/engineering/pages/roadway-improvement-project).