

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

April 24, 2023

AN ORDER APPROVING THE TRAFFIC MITIGATION ALONG HIGH STREET FROM CUTTING DRIVE TO MYRTLE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Newburyport ("City") was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation through their Shared Streets and Spaces Program; and

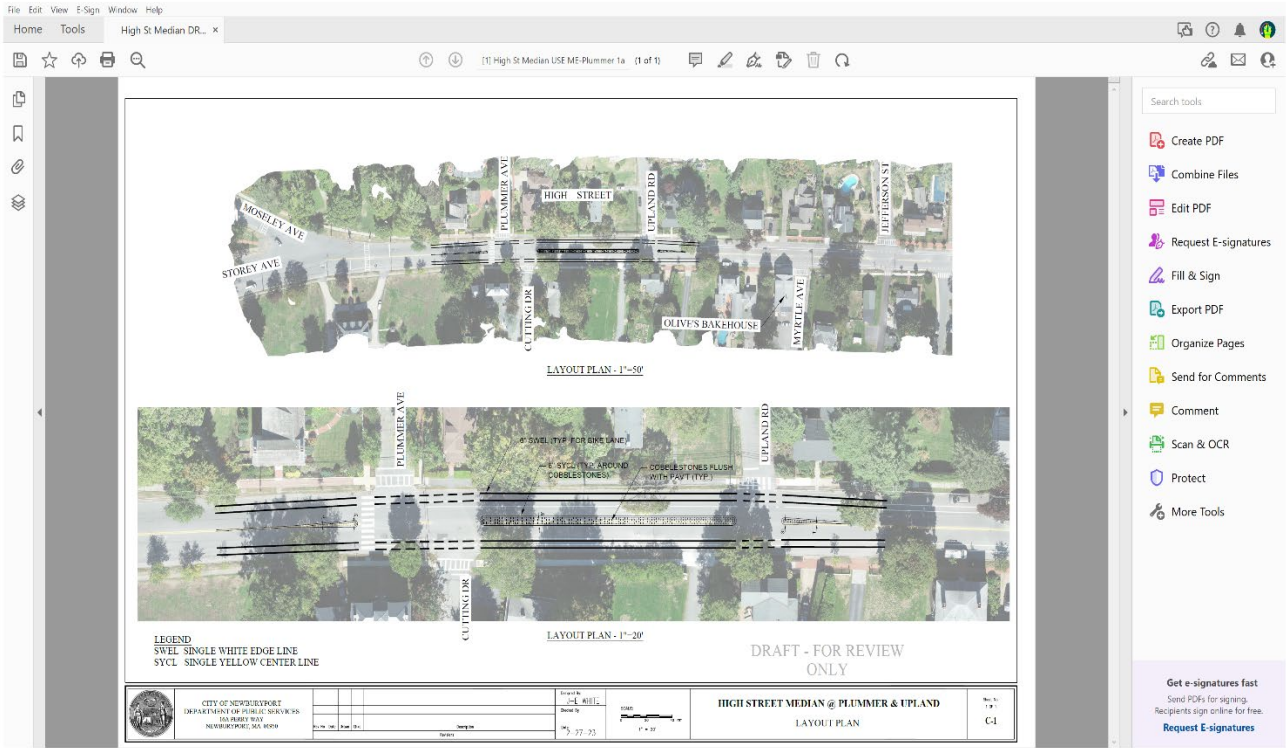
WHEREAS, the City is desirous of reducing vehicle speeds in order to increase traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded \$123,779.00 for a traffic calming island in the center of High Street from Cutting Drive to Myrtle Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby approves the layout plan entitled 'High Street Median @ Plummer & Upland Dated February 27, 2023 prepared by J-E White attached hereto and incorporated herewith and marked 'Exhibit A'

Councillor James J. McCauley

EXHIBIT A



MEMORANDUM

To: President and Members of Newburyport City Council

From: Mayor Sean R. Reardon

CC: John-Eric White, City Engineer and Acting Director of Public Services

Andy Port, Director of Planning and Development

Re: High Street Traffic Mitigation

This cover memo serves to introduce the planned improvements to High Street that are intended to mitigate traffic issues and improve the safety of this principal corridor. The City of Newburyport was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation through their Shared Streets and Spaces Program. This round of funding for the program prioritized reducing vehicle speeds in order to increase traffic safety and supported implementation projects to improve infrastructure for active transportation. The City was awarded \$123,779.00 for a traffic calming island in the center of High Street from Cutting Drive to Myrtle Street. The proposed plan for this work is attached.

The project goal is reduce the speed of vehicles traveling from Storey Avenue, Ferry Road and Mosely Avenue onto High Street. By reducing the speed, it is anticipated that the number of accidents and "near misses" in the area will be decreased. The cobblestone island will be approximately 400 ft. long, ending just beyond Myrtle Street. The work entails digging up the center of High Street the length of the island, laying down a base layer, then putting cobblestone on top of the base layer and pouring concrete to hold the cobblestone in place. The City's Highway Division will do this work and it will take approximately one week to complete. Line painting is the final step of the project and will be conducted by a contractor. The painting will be completed in a day or two once it is on the contractor's schedule.

This project was discussed at the April meeting of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and is being brought to the Council now for approval. The Department of Public Services will plan to compete this project upon receiving approval from the Council.