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# Pleasant Hill Road Reconstruction to Start In June

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The Pleasant Hill Road drainage and road reconstruction capital improvement project is scheduled to start at the beginning of June. Pleasant Hill Road is one of the Town's busier roads with an approximate traffic level of 10,000 vehicles on an average day.

The two-phase project will be completed over the next two construction seasons. This year's job will start at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Highland Avenue and continue to the railroad overpass near Rigby road. The second phase will begin at Rigby Road and continue to the Route One and Pleasant Hill Road intersection.

The work will address long standing drainage and road surface issues. The most noticeable change to the road will be paved shoulders. There will be six-foot wide shared shoulders. The paved shoulders will provide a surface for bicyclists but will also be available for other vehicles who wish to maneuver around a left-turning vehicle. This design is becoming more common in road design and will be a good fit for this road segment.

While this project is underway, the Portland Water District will replace their water main. The contractor doing the road work, Dearborn Construction, will also complete the water main renewal. This portion of the project will be funded by the Portland Water District.

The cost of each phase of the road improvement project is estimated at 1.2M. The Maine Department of Transportation will provide funding of \$500,000.00 for each phase through their Municipal Partnership Initiative Agreement program. The balance of the project funds will be provided by the town. In the past, Scarborough has participated in this same program for the reconstruction of Beech Ridge Road and a portion of Spurwink Road.

As with any road work motorists should expect delays. In an effort to minimize delays the construction contract spells out specific requirements for traffic movement including the need for maintaining two way traffic during business hours unless prior approval has been granted. Every effort will be made to keep the public informed through signage and social media. Please consider visiting public works on Facebook, Twitter or the Town Website.

If you would like further information please visit the Pleasant Hill Road project page on the Town website at <http://www.scarboroughmaine.org/departments/public-works/projects/pleasant-hill-projec>. As always you can call public works with any questions. On behalf of the public works we appreciate your understanding during this necessary project.