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Mystic streetscape

Project Update

The first phase of Stonington's Downtown Mystic Streetscape is now in winter shut-down mode due to closure of asphalt plants. Construction will start up again in early April 2010, when portions of East Main Street (Route 1) between the Drawbridge and Willow Street will be milled and resurfaced with new asphalt, along with portions of Cottrell Street. Cobblestone-type pavers, new benches and wayfinding signage will also be installed at that time. To complete Phase 1, historical style lighting will be installed on existing utility poles from the Drawbridge to the Civil War Monument. This first project phase continues to be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Phase 2 of streetscape work on the Stonington side of the Mystic River will be bid for construction at the beginning of

February. This work area starts at the terminus point of the first phase – just east of Willow Street – and extends down Broadway to the Train Depot.

Phase 2 also calls for new American's With Disabilities Act compliant sidewalks, relocated crosswalks, granite curbing, cobblestone-type pavers, new roadway pavement and catch basin tops, benches and wayfinding signage. On November 4th, Stonington was awarded an additional \$500,000 in ARRA funding, allowing for replacement of existing "cobrahead" street lights with decorative historical-style lighting on all of Broadway extending from Willow Street to the Train Depot, Cottrell Street, Holmes Street, Denison Avenue (Route 27) from Willow Street south to Route 1, and Roosevelt Avenue.



SCHEDULE

Many factors affect a construction schedule such as weather or unforeseen conditions. Barring any of these things from having a significant impact, it is anticipated that work on Phase 1 will begin again in April 2010 and be completed in early May. Sealed bids for Phase 2 will be opened at the end of February, after which they must be reviewed by the Town and ConnDOT. A contract award to the qualified low-bidder will be made by the beginning of May 2010, with an anticipated construction start shortly thereafter. Because of its distance away from the tourist area near the Drawbridge, there will be no summertime shut-down for Phase 2.



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