

***Town of Weymouth
Massachusetts***

Robert L. Hedlund
Mayor

75 Middle Street
Weymouth, MA 02189



Office: 781.340.5012
Fax: 781.335.8184

TTY: 781.331.5124

Press Release

For Immediate Release – October 31, 2022

Weymouth awarded \$3.5 Million for Middle St. Infrastructure Upgrades

Contact(s): Robert Hedlund, Mayor
rhedlund@weymouth.ma.us, 781-340-5012

Casey Tocchio, Community Information Officer
ctocchio@weymouth.ma.us, 781-682-3615

Weymouth, MA – Mayor Robert Hedlund announced today that the Town of Weymouth has been awarded \$3,500,000 from MassWorks to fund a right turn only lane on the Northbound side Middle Street at the intersection of Libbey Industrial Parkway. The grant awards were made through Community One Stop for Growth, Massachusetts state grant programs that fund economic development projects related to community capacity building, planning and zoning, site preparation, building construction and infrastructure.

Middle Street will be widened and a new retaining wall constructed to allow for a dedicated right turn only lane to accommodate the developing medical facilities for Boston Children's Hospital and future medical facilities. Boston Children's Hospital is currently constructing a 3-story, 69,000 square foot commercial building at 200 Libbey Industrial Parkway, estimated to create 300 temporary construction jobs and 150 part and full-time permanent jobs at the facilities.

Additional commercial space is planned at 7 Performance Drive, 40,000 square feet for medical offices that is estimated to create 150 temporary construction jobs and 85 part

and full-time permanent jobs. The developer, FRP Quincy Development LLC, will be contributing all engineering services and \$200,000 to the Town.

"The funding from MassWorks allows us to help mitigate future traffic increases at the intersection of Middle Street and Libby Industrial Parkway and support the commercial development in the area," **said Mayor Robert Hedlund**. "I want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration for making an investment in major projects in Weymouth."

In addition to the right turn only lane at the intersection of Middle Street and Libbey Industrial Parkway, funding will be used to install 2,500 linear feet of sidewalk and curbing to provide pedestrians access down Libbey Parkway from the bus stop on Middle Street. Other surface improvements include new crosswalks and a rectangular rapid-flashing beacon (RRFB) across Libbey Industrial Parkway. The existing traffic signal equipment will be relocated and upgraded to include the new turning movement.

###