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Engineering and Construction Services

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Pamela L. Powers
Administrative Assistant to the City Council
City Hall Room 16
210 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060

RE: Damon Road Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Powers:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) – Highway Division proposes to reconstruct Damon Road in Northampton for a distance of approximately 1.1 miles. On behalf of MassDOT, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) has prepared this letter to provide information about the project and solicit your input and comments. The project is currently in the 25% design submission phase of the MassDOT design process. The enclosed project information is provided for your reference and review.

The project consists of reconstructing Damon Road from the King Street (Route 5/Route 10) intersection to the south side of the Norwottuck Rail Trail signalized crossing. The project will abut MassDOT Project #604597, which proposes to construct a two-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 9 and Damon Road/I-91 NB off-ramp.

The purpose of the project is to improve vehicular safety and capacity as well as pedestrian and bicycle accessibility throughout the corridor. The project entails reconstruction of the Damon Road and King Street (Route 5) intersection with new traffic signal equipment and full pedestrian accommodation. Additionally, bicycle lanes will be added to the roadways as well as a shared-use path for a portion of Damon Road to connect to the Norwottuck Rail Trail.

The improvements shall include pavement reconstruction to establish a consistent roadway cross section width, drainage system repairs, new sidewalks along both sides of the roadway, ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, a hot mix asphalt shared-use path along one side of the roadway, improved intersection geometry, traffic signal installation, and new pavement markings and signing throughout the corridor.

The project is scheduled to be funded through the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program for the Pioneer Valley Planning Organization.

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MassDOT requests that the Northampton City Council review the enclosed materials at its earliest convenience, and provide any comments regarding this project. Written comments should be submitted to: Shahpar Negah, P.E., Project Manager, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed project information, please feel free to contact me at (978)-570-2997.

Sincerely,



Lindsey A. Barbee, P.E.
Project Engineer

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cc: S. Negah, MassDOT Project Manager

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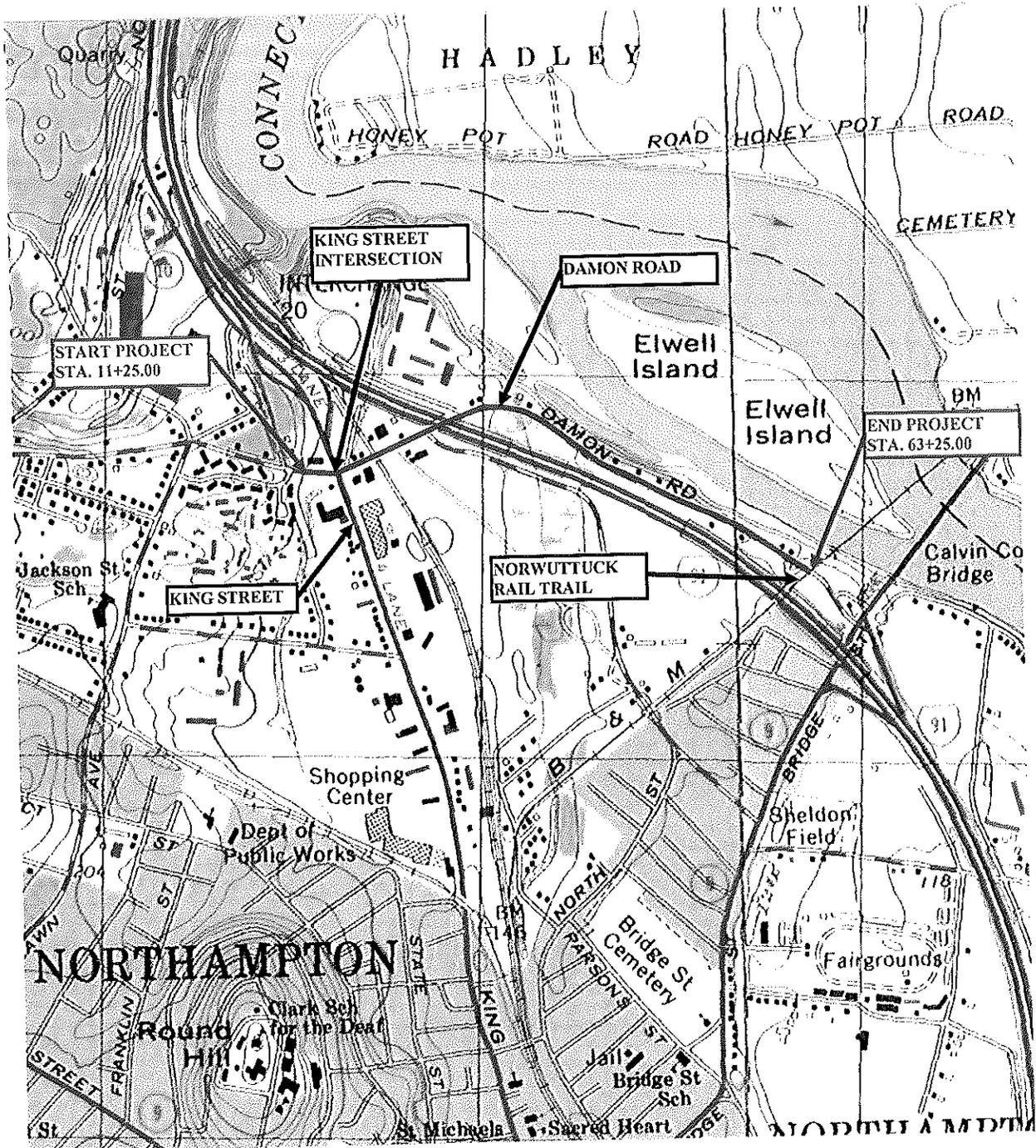


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Site Location Map