

June 4, 2014

## HARVARD SQUARE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dear Harvard Square Neighbor,

In the next few months, two city projects will commence in Harvard Square. The Cambridge Department of Public Works would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information on these projects. City staff will also host a public meeting on Wednesday, June 18 to present additional details.

### **PUBLIC TOILET AT MACARTHUR PARK**

The City will install a new public toilet in MacArthur Park near Church St later this summer. Modeled after the “Portland Loo” of Portland, Oregon, the public toilet will be the first of its kind in Cambridge.

The facility is a simple, sturdy, graffiti-resistant, flush toilet kiosk, located on the sidewalk (see photo). The toilets are free to the public and accessible 24 hours per day. These facilities provide the community with a clean, safe and environmentally-friendly restroom.

### **MOUNT AUBURN STREET SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS**

The City will reconstruct Mt. Auburn St between JFK St and Holyoke St this summer. The scope of work includes:

- Reconstruct existing roadway and sidewalks.
- Remove 4 parking spaces on the north side of the street to widen the narrow sidewalk. This will enhance the pedestrian space, facilitate outdoor dining, seating, bicycle parking and street tree plantings.
- Install new lighting fixtures.
- Tree plantings

For more information on these projects or to receive future updates related to construction in Harvard Square via email, please contact Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager at [kdunn@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kdunn@cambridgema.gov) or 617.349.4870.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager  
Cambridge Department of Public Works

### **Public Toilet Community Meeting**

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 6:00 PM  
Starbucks Harvard Yard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1380 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge



*Public toilet rendering at MacArthur Park*