

# TOWN OF LINCOLN

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TO: Residents of Old Cambridge Turnpike, Sandy Pond Road, Deerhaven Road and Garland Road  
FR: Town of Lincoln  
DT: November 5, 2014  
RE: **Informational Meeting Regarding MASSDOT-Required Temporary Closure of The Commons' Route 2 Access**

On November 8, 2014, the State (MASSDOT) and its construction contractor (DW White) will be closing The Commons In Lincoln's existing access to Route 2. This closure is necessary to permit DW White's construction of the ramps, service roads, and walls on the Lincoln side of the new Crosby Corner flyover bridge. The closure is expected to continue until approximately July 2015. As you have seen, active construction by The Commons of its new health care facility has begun and will continue during this period.

A number of months ago, we were advised that this closure would occur sometime in the Fall of 2014, and therefore we have actively encouraged MASSDOT, DW White and The Commons to design a solution that will accommodate both projects, as well as accommodate the needs of The Commons, its residents, and its guests and regular vendors to access the existing housing facility.

We are pleased that MASSDOT, DW White, and The Commons have engaged in thoughtful dialogue that took into consideration the type and volume of traffic that will need to have access to The Commons' site, as well as the legal and practical requirements of DW White and MASSDOT to maintain a safe and secure highway construction site. As a result, we have been informed that effective Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, MASSDOT, DW White and The Commons will be implementing the following revised traffic management plan:

- 1) **Large Construction Vehicles** – Large construction vehicles headed for The Commons' project will travel eastbound on Route 2 and make a sharp right turn onto Old Cambridge Turnpike. At the westerly end of Old Cambridge Turnpike, the planned Service Road #4 (paved as a temporary haul road) will provide these large vehicles with a connection to The Commons' existing entrance road. The large vehicles will exit The Commons' site via the same route. The Commons estimates that approximately 10 large construction vehicles per day will utilize this route. Traffic enforcement personnel paid for by The Commons will be assigned to help facilitate the safe flow of traffic. This arrangement will continue only until The Commons' direct access to Route 2 is restored in approximately July 2015.

- 2) **Other Vehicles (Cars and Small Trucks)** – The Commons’ driveway access to Sandy Pond Road (Cider Lane) will be used by The Commons’ residents, as well as visitors, employees, vendors, and health care facility construction workers. All vehicles exiting The Commons’ site via Cider Lane will be required to turn right on Sandy Pond Road and utilize Route 2 eastbound for all purposes. In addition, The Commons’ employees, vendors, and construction workers will be required to enter The Commons’ property via Route 2 eastbound and the short section of Sandy Pond Road between Route 2 and Cider Lane, to minimize traffic on Sandy Pond Road between Cider Lane and the center of Town. The Commons will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing these restrictions. The use of Cider Lane by The Commons’ employees, vendors, and construction workers will continue only until The Commons’ direct access to Route 2 is restored in approximately July 2015.

The plan has been reviewed by the Town’s DPW and Public Safety Departments. We will monitor the plan and will work with MASSDOT, DW White, and The Commons to refine the plan as circumstances warrant, to ensure public safety and attempt to minimize impacts on residents.

**We will be hosting an informational meeting at The Commons next Monday evening, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., to review the plan and to answer any questions you may have.** We appreciate your patience and understanding as we attempt to navigate this challenging confluence of the construction schedules of the Crosby’s Corner improvements and The Commons’ health care facility. As always, we are open to constructive ideas and to communicating refinements to MASSDOT, DW White, and The Commons.