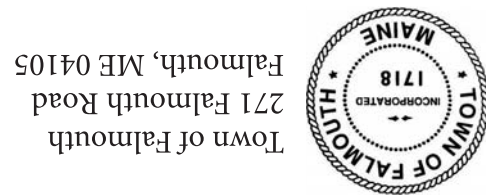


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You're heading out for the 8 am meeting, the unplanned trip to the grocery store or school drop off. Easy.

Then you see them – orange signs, flaggers and heavy equipment. Now you're down to one lane. You slow down, then stop. Detours, dust, delays. Curses.

ROADWORK!

You love smoother roads, safer bridges and flowing traffic, but you're no fan of road construction. "I can't wait for that road to be torn up," said no one. Ever.

So hang on to your hard hats, Falmouth. We're in for some bumps.

Your own eyes – and wheels – will attest that the Town of Falmouth and the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) are working hard to keep up with the condition of our roads, intersections, and bridges. There has already been major work done to improve Falmouth Road, Route 1, Ledgewood Drive, Middle Road and Pleasant Hill Road. We've also put in new sewer pipes and natural gas lines, repaired two turnpike bridges, and completely replaced the Martin's Point Bridge.



Why are you reminding me of this?

There is much more to come over the next five years.

This is good news because we're rebuilding more of our town's infrastructure. When complete, many of our most travelled roads, bridges and intersections will be safer and better able to handle traffic for the years to come. The not-so-good news? It's going to be messy.

Falmouth is growing and our transportation infrastructure needs to keep pace. As your town government, ensuring roads and bridges are safe and usable is one of the most important things we do. **Social media will be our primary method of keeping you informed about roadwork** and other important happenings around town.

What road projects are you referring to? Tell me more.

We want to help you plan and minimize inconvenience. Below is a heads-up on major upcoming road construction projects. These projects are staggered and will affect different parts of Falmouth at different times.

Please think about the timing of upcoming projects in three categories:

- 1. **It's on** – projects that have begun or will begin within a year.
- 2. **Soon, but not yet** – projects that are going to happen but are not ready to start.
- 3. **Happens every year** – projects that we do every year around town to maintain Falmouth's roads.

IT'S ON

Intersection of Longwoods Road (Rt. 9), Middle Road and Woods Road

This intersection has one of the highest accident rates of any intersection in Falmouth. In order to make it much safer for the thousands of drivers, motorcyclists and bicyclists who go through it everyday, MaineDOT is converting this intersection into a "roundabout" (or loop, circle or donut depending on where you're from). It will enable traffic to continue to flow in a safe and efficient way without the need for a traffic light. This work has already begun, will pause for the winter, and be completed by next June.

Lunt Road Bridge over Interstate 295

Anyone who regularly drives, bikes or walks on this overpass can attest to its poor condition. MaineDOT is doing something about it! The bridge will need to be closed for two months in 2018. And while closure is disruptive, it's by far the quickest and least painful way to fix the bridge.

Route 100 (Gray Road)

As many of you know, for some time the Town has been planning major improvements to a portion of Route 100, also known as Gray Road, from the intersection with Leighton Road north to the Libby Bridge. Covering a distance of about 1.1 miles, this project will improve safety for West Falmouth commuters, shoppers and residents. Final plans are being prepared and construction is expected to start in the fall of 2018 and be complete in 2020.

SOON, BUT NOT YET

Beginning in 2019, MaineDOT is going to replace the **Bucknam Road Bridge over Interstate 295**. The work will include (finally!) a new traffic light at the Bucknam Road northbound highway exit and entrance ramps.

Beginning in a few years there will be traffic and safety improvements to the **intersection of Middle, Falmouth and Bucknam Roads** (at Nina's Variety). The Town has also been working on a plan to improve

the **intersection of Route 1 and Johnson Road**, as well as **Route 1 from the Turnpike Spur to the Cumberland town line**.

We're actively considering how to make other roads in town better, including needed improvements to **Blackstrap Road**. No proposals or plans have been drawn up for these projects yet.

HAPPENS EVERY YEAR

Every year during Maine's famous "road construction season", we repair and repave a number of our roads. The schedule of roads to be repaved is set years in advance, with some flexibility allowed based on our regular spring road inspections. These projects can last between several days and several weeks, but there's nothing like driving or cycling on a smooth, freshly paved, pothole-free road.

How do we pay for all this work?

There are several ways the Town funds road construction and each project is different. The Town has an annual budget for road repairs and repaving, and we also apply for grants where possible. In addition, MaineDOT allocates funding for some of Falmouth's road and bridge work. For larger projects – those costing more than \$1 million – the Town asks for voter approval.

How can I stay up-to-date as the work is planned and gets underway?

Avoiding surprises and unnecessary delays means **staying informed**. Social media will be our primary method of letting you know about roadwork and other important happenings around town. We invite you to connect with us in any or all of the following ways:

- ✓ **Email** – Sign up for notices to be sent directly to your email address at <https://www.falmouthme.org/subscribe>
- ✓ Like us on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/FalmouthME to read about town-wide happenings, and www.facebook.com/Falmouth300/ for all things related to Falmouth's 300th birthday celebration.
- ✓ Follow us on **Twitter** at [@MaineFalmouth](https://twitter.com/MaineFalmouth).



HELP US,
HELP YOU

Please join us for a conversation about the long-term future of **Pleasant Hill** and **Blackstrap Roads**.

For more information, email Theo Holtwijk at tholtwijk@falmouthme.org

STAY CONNECTED ABOUT OTHER IMPORTANT TOWN ISSUES AND EVENTS, INCLUDING...

Browntail Moth Forum – SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 9th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Falmouth Elementary School cafeteria.

Town-Wide Volunteer Fair – SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 12th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Mason-Motz Activity Center

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