The Waban Area Council is delighted to hear that the Public Works and Transportation Division will be taking residents' input on streets in the CIP.

We notice Annawan and Varick Roads are on the repaving list for FY2016. We reached out to residents to let them know of the imminent re-paving. A consolidation of their comments is below.

Bill Paille told us that a sidewalk would be constructed on Waban Avenue east of Annawan, which is welcome news. We hope a continuous sidewalk along Annawan south of Waban Ave. will be part of the project, since children can’t safely use the road to walk to school without one.

Further, we hope that pedestrian safety will be enhanced by tightening the curb radius at both the tops and the bottoms of both these roads, where they currently encourage speedy turns.

Notes:

Varick:

Sidewalks intermittent between Ridge & Beacon: Many children walk this street to access the school buses for Brown and South that stop at Beacon. Pedestrians routinely in the road. Cars taking Varick very fast.

Trees in the sidewalk easement:

* Traffic calming?
* Extend sidewalks from grassy berm into street/narrowing?

Wide curb cross-sections encourage speeding. Tighten especially Varick @ Varick Hill Road (dead end). Where possible, please expand central park areas & narrow street.

Annawan:

Construction of a big house imminent at first corner south of Waban Ave. May want to hold off construction until that work (and water sewer laterals) is complete

At Gould/Edgefield the road surface develops ice or puddling routinely and the surface deteriorates faster than in other sections of Annawan. We suspect underground water.

Puddles also at the intersections at both Waban and Quinobequin – particularly bad at sidewalks/pedestrian crossing

Intermittant/needed sidewalks from Gould to Waban Ave—hill & double S curve, walking route for kids coming from the Annawan—Quino-Gould, etc. area.