PILOT DIVERTER ON DUNGARVEN

The diverter materials were not delivered in time for a Fall 2017 installation. Next year, we will pilot the temporary traffic diverter on Dungarven Rd.

For the Stonybrook Neighborhood Slow Streets project, we are piloting a traffic diverter on Dungarven Rd just south of the intersection with Gartland St. The diverter is a recommended strategy to:

- Discourage people from driving the wrong way on Washington St;
- Discourage drivers from cutting through Hatoff's driveways;
- Discourage and eventually eliminate wrong-way driving on Williams St;
- Reduce the number of people navigating the low-visibility intersection of Dungarven/Kenton; and
- Reduce the volume of thru traffic on Kenton Rd.

The diverter will be installed next year and removed before winter. We are using plastic curbing and bollards to deter most drivers from using this route. Signs will be posted to alert drivers, including NO OUTLET signs on Kenton Rd and Gartland St and DEAD END signs on Dungarven.

The diverter will have no impact on trash collection, mail and package delivery, or street cleaning. All residents of Kenton, Gartland, and Shurland will have full access to their homes. Access is maintained for the private garage that fronts Dungarven. People walking and bicycling on Dungarven will be able to continue through in both directions. Emergency responders, if needed, will be able to drive over the diverter.

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

During the pilot, the Boston Transportation Department will collect data and conduct field observations. We will compare this information to what we have already collected, before the diverter pilot. We want to understand how well the diverter works and if it has unintended impacts.

Following the test period, we will hold a public meeting and share the feedback and data collected. This meeting will also give people the chance to discuss and comment on whether or not a diverter of some type should be permanently installed.

If the diverter is deemed unsuccessful, we will work with the community on additional options to help address the intended goals of the pilot diverter.

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