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Tonight's meeting on Jamaicaaway, Eliot Street intersection postponed

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Officials have postponed a public meeting scheduled for tonight to discuss construction at the intersection of Jamaicaaway and Eliot Street, according to an announcement from a co-host of the meeting.

“Due to procurement issues that have arisen in connection with the construction contract, DCR [state Department of Conservation and Recreation] must postpone the meeting until January 2011 at which time they anticipate they will have the contractor on board and construction plans in hand,” said the announcement from the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

An exact date for the January meeting will be announced as soon as possible, said the release.

“We regret any inconvenience that the postponement of the public meeting may cause and appreciate your continued interest and support,” the conservancy said.

The state conservation department and the conservancy have been collecting community input on ways to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist access to Jamaica Pond, according to the announcement. Through the process, the two groups have found that area residents would prefer alternative crossings at three spots: Jamaicaaway at Eliot Street, Parkman Drive at Kelley Circle, and Parkman Drive at the Parkman Memorial.

The permitting and design process has been completed by the state conservation officials along with a design consultant, and approvals from the Massachusetts Historic Commission, Boston Conservation Commission, and Boston Landmark Commission for the three crossings have been received, the announcement said.

Funding for the Eliot Street Crossing construction project is in the state conservation department’s capital budget for this year, and the agency received contract bids in October, said the release.

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