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City Announces Temporary Sidewalk and Parking Lot Closures to Make Accessibility Improvements

Today, Mayor David J. Narkewicz announced that the sidewalks and parking lot behind City Hall will be closed beginning Monday, May 14, 2018 for accessibility improvements. The construction will include extensive sidewalk modifications throughout the municipal building complex to bring them into compliance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements as well as improvements to handicap parking and pedestrian crossing safety to Main Street.

This project is being funded with a \$250,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disability which the City, working through its Office of Planning and Sustainability, secured in a competitive statewide process. The Northampton Disability Commission identified the City Hall/Municipal Office sidewalks as a top priority for accessibility improvements so that all populations can access their government.

The two Zip Cars normally stationed in the parking lot behind City Hall will be temporarily relocated to the municipal lot off Old South Street. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June.