

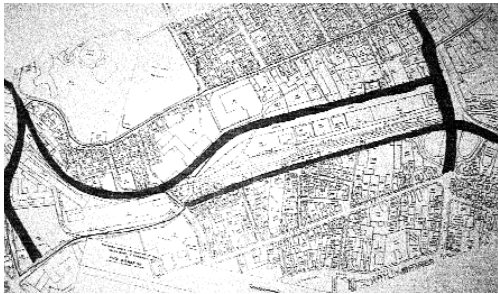
# The FEDERALIST

The Federal Street Neighborhood Association is a registered, non-profit group which serves the residents of the Federal Street Neighborhood

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## Neighbor proposes road and traffic plan for the North River Canal corridor

The following proposal was presented to the Planning Department in October by Tim. Doggett, 9 Lynn Street



North River Canal road, traffic proposal area.

I propose that the design process (of the North River Canal corridor) be divided into three synergistic approaches: Road Traffic Management, Land Use Management and Zoning Area Design Designation

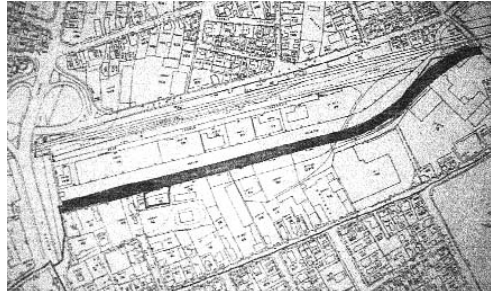
The points of my proposal are:

- Extending Commercial Street to Harmony Grove Road
- Replacing the existing North Street overpass with an at-grade-level interchange
- Widening and realigning Goodhue Street, and designating Goodhue as a single-theme area
- Establishing an historic neighborhood in the upper Flint Street area.

### Road, Traffic Management

Extend Commercial Street to Flint Street and widen it to three lanes. Two lanes running Westerly from North Street to Flint. One lane running Easterly from Flint Street to North. Construct a new two-lane roadway Westerly along the existing rail line from Flint Street to Goodhue. Relocate the existing rail line to one side of the new road layout. Widen Goodhue Street to three lanes. Two lanes from Harmony Grove Road to Bridge Street. One lane from Bridge Street to Harmony Grove Road. Realign the centerline of

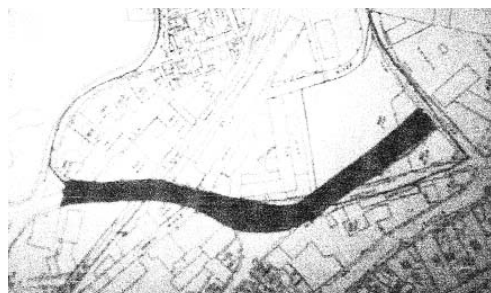
Goodhue Street Easterly to allow it to meet Bridge Street at 90 degrees and to allow the squaring up of the lots between Goodhue and Boston Streets. Limit the new section of Bridge Street between Flint and North to three lanes. Two lanes toward North and one toward Flint Street. Replace the existing North Street Overpass with an at-grade-level interchange.



Commercial Street extended to Flint Street;



Commercial St. extension to Harmony Grove Road



Widening and realignment of Goodhue Street

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Next FSNA Meeting

The next meeting of the Federal Street Neighborhood Association is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Grace Church on Essex Street.

#### Annual Wine Tasting set for Friday, Nov. 8

This year's HSI Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction will take place on Friday, Nov. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Colonial Hall in the Daniel Low Building. Proceeds will benefit Historic Salem Inc.'s preservation and advocacy mission.

#### Christmas in Salem 2002

The annual walking tour and celebration of Christmas will take place Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8. Contact Historic Salem Inc., 9 North St., 745-0799, for tickets.

#### Congratulations

We have two new baby boys in our neighborhood. Baby Eli has blessed the lives of Jeff Brandt and Patty Roca of 3 Lynn St., and Baby Samuel Washburne Szwartz has been born to Stan and Jackie Szwartz of Federal Street. Best wishes to you all!

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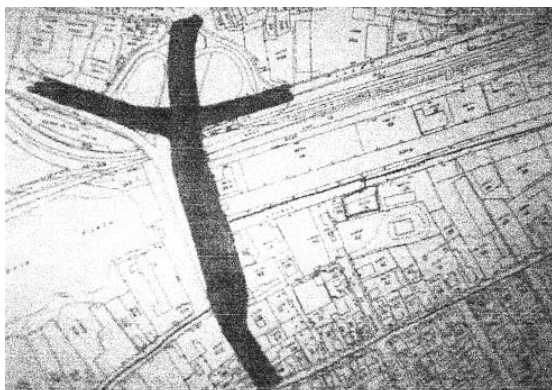
# Road, traffic plan proposal for North River Canal area



**Bridge Street from Flint to North**



**Goodhue Street development area**



**North/Bridge Interchange**



**Property available with the realignment of North Street and elimination of the overpass.**



**Upper Flint Street Historic Neighborhood**

## Land Use Management

The changing of the roadway structure will dramatically change the use of the property in the designated area. Proper zoning and designating specific portions of the area to be included in the Historic Salem Neighborhoods districts will be a necessity to control development. The greatest opportunity for lasting improvement is in the Goodhue, Grove and Beaver streets area. With the widening and realignment of Goodhue, this roadway becomes a major entry thoroughfare into the City. With proper design this area can become a unique commercial entity. This area with its large central open space is perfect for public art. The area and the property surrounding it should be accumulated into one parcel and a single theme should be established for its development.

The second area rivaling Goodhue in importance is the North Street overpass and the adjacent railroad station and parking lot. Removing the existing overpass and replacing it with an at-grade-level interchange will open up a significant parcel of land that can be developed into new retail and office space and allow for the construction of a new parking garage in the rear.

## Area Design Designation

The area between Commercial Street and Mason Street, from Water Street to Flint Street will undergo a dramatic change with the connecting of Commercial Street to Flint. Presently this neighborhood is a mix of commercial and residential units.

With the increase in land value that the road will bring, there will be increasing pressure on the residential use and commercial use will ultimately prevail. Some form of zoning should be in place to control development.

The planning process should allow for the widening of Mason Street to include a buffer section to further separate the strong residential neighborhood laying North of Mason from the anticipated

commercial development South.

The housing at the top of Flint Street where it meets Mason and the area westerly to Oak and Friend streets will require the protection of the historic neighborhoods program.

Every effort should be made to improve the streetscape of North Street at the corner of Mason with an upgrading of the area behind these buildings.

New construction in the Boston, Goodhue area, as well as along North Street should be urban in nature in keeping with the Salem style

## Crime Watch program set to begin

FSNA members Judith Imm, Rita Markunis, Pam McKee, Ken Wallace and Suzie Weldon met with Sgt. Conrad Prosniewski of the Salem Police Dept. to discuss implementation of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. They will be developing a questionnaire to be distributed to all residents within the Federal Street area which will determine the issues to be focused on. The program will be discussed at length at the next FSNA meeting. Anyone interested in being involved, please contact any of the above persons.