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**Long Wharf Force Main Construction Schedule
September 14, 2009 through September 25, 2009**

Work hours are 6:00am to 6:00pm.

Throughout the construction period to repair the Long Wharf force main traffic control will be coordinated with the contractor and the Newport Police Department at all times. Traffic delays and restrictions can be expected on America's Cup Avenue and Long Wharf during the next two weeks. Alternate routes are advised to be used in order to avoid the construction area.

The Phase 1 construction of the slip lining process is completed between the Pell Bridge off ramp on Connell Highway and the intersection of Farewell Street and America's Cup Avenue. The permanent structures for access and an air release valve have been installed in Farewell Street. The slip lining in America's Cup Avenue between Bridge and Poplar Streets is also completed.

September 14 through September 17th the slip lining in America's Cup Avenue between Bridge Street and Long Wharf will be completed. Two way traffic will be provided in America's Cup Avenue but it will be diverted around the work areas.

On September 14th Access to Gladys Carr Bolhouse Road at America's Cup Avenue will be closed from 6:00am to 4:00pm to accommodate the slip lining process.

On September 18th there will be no work performed on America's Cup Avenue/ Long Wharf.

September 21st and 22nd excavation will be underway for the entry and receiving pits for the next section of slip lining in Long Wharf. Long Wharf will be closed to traffic during work hours between America's Cup Avenue and the Long Wharf Pump Station.

September 23rd through 25th the slip lining of approximately 355 feet of sewer main in Long Wharf will be completed. Long Wharf will be open to traffic with restrictions.

The Phase 2 construction of the repair in the railroad right of way is ongoing. To date approximately 4000 feet of 36” sewer force main has been installed. Two jackings for required railroad crossings have been completed and the access manhole structures for the force main have been installed. A subsequent construction report will provide information on the upcoming work in Connell Highway for the connection of the work between Phase 1 and Phase 2.

The City of Newport awarded the contract for the repair of the Long Wharf Force main to CB Utility, Co, Bristol RI on July 15, 2009. The repair of the 36 inch force main which is approximately 9700 linear feet in length and runs from the Long Wharf pump station to the Wastewater Treatment plant on Connell Hwy will be conducted in two phases. The route of the force main from the pump station is located in Long Wharf, America’s Cup Avenue, Farewell Street, to Connell Highway at the Scenic Newport exit ramp from the Pell Bridge, and then proceeds on a cross country route to the railroad right of way.

Phase 1 of the repair consists of slip lining the existing 36” force main with 30” fused pipe starting at the Pell Bridge off ramp on Connell Highway proceeding south to the pump station on Long Wharf. Within the work area of Phase 1 there will be areas where excavation will be required. Excavation is required for areas where there are bends in the existing force main which prohibits the slip lining and will require excavation and replacement of the force main. Excavation will also be required at the areas where new access manholes will be installed and for the entry pits and receiving pits for the slip lining process. **Phase 2** of the repair consists of excavating and installing a new 36” force main starting at the Wastewater Treatment facility and proceeding south in the railroad right of way and cross country towards the Pell Bridge off ramp on Connell Highway.

The Department of Utilities recognizes the work to complete the repair will impact traffic in the work area. The Department is making every effort to balance completing the repair to this most significant part of the wastewater infrastructure in a safe and efficient manner while minimizing the impacts on the community as much as possible. The Department will be issuing reports on work as it proceeds to keep all interested parties advised.

Updated information on the project is also available on the City’s website at www.cityofnewport.com.