



City of Newport
Department of Utilities

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

DATE: September 24, 2009

CONTACT: Julia A, Forgue, PE

TELEPHONE: (401) 845-5600

FAX: (401) 846-0947

**Long Wharf Force Main Construction Schedule
September 28, 2009 through October 9, 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, Long Wharf, Farewell Street and Connell Highway 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 two slip lining sections in America's Cup Avenue between Bridge Street and Long Wharf are also completed. The Slip Lining in Long Wharf will be completed as of September 25th.

September 28th and September 29th the work will include the excavation and installation of new 30" force main in America's Cup Avenue from and including the intersection of Farewell Street then south for a distance of approximately 400 feet. During work hours for the pipe installation, America's Cup Avenue in the work area will be closed to traffic. Farewell Street between Van Zandt Avenue and America's Cup Avenue will be closed to traffic on Monday until the pipe is installed through the intersection into America's Cup Avenue. A detour will be in place. The work area will be open to traffic at night. Traffic delays should be expected.

September 30th through October 2nd The installation of new 30" force main in America's Cup Avenue will continue in the area adjacent to Cardines Field. Two way traffic will be provided on America's Cup Avenue but it will be diverted around the work areas. Traffic delays should be expected.

October 5th through October 9th Excavation for the installation of the new force main at the intersection of Long Wharf and America's Cup Avenue will be completed. Two way traffic will be provided on America's Cup Avenue diverted around the work area during work hours. Vehicle access to Long Wharf from America's Cup Avenue will be closed during work hours. Traffic delays should be expected.

The Phase 2 construction of the repair in the railroad right of way is ongoing. The force main crossing of Connell Highway is completed. Approximately 4500 feet of new 36" force main has been installed. It is anticipated that the new force main from Dyre Street to the treatment plant will be activated by the first week of October.

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.