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**Long Wharf Force Main Construction Schedule
October 5, 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 Installation of the slip lining and the new force main in this phase is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. The remaining tasks will include miscellaneous work at the new installed structures, the pressure testing of the entire length of force main, and installing grout at the slip lined sections.

October 5th through October 7th The installation of the new force main and structures in America's Cup Avenue in the area adjacent to Cardines Field will be completed. Two way traffic will be provided on America's Cup Avenue but it will be diverted around the work area. Traffic delays should be expected.

October 5th 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.

October 6th through October 9th Work in Long Wharf includes installation of new force main, new access structure and connection to Long Wharf pump station. Vehicle access to Long Wharf will be limited during work hours. Traffic delays should be expected.

The required pressure testing of Phase 1 force main is tentatively schedule to be conducted October 7th through 14th. Minor traffic delays can be expected as the testing is conducted.

After successful pressure testing , the grouting process for the slip lined sections is scheduled to begin October 13th with completion October 21st. Minor traffic delays can be expected as the grouting process proceeds from section to section of pipe which was slip lined..

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 5000 feet of new 36” force main has been installed. The new force main from Dyre Street to the treatment plant is in use as of September 29, 2009.

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.