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Wellington Avenue Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Replacement Construction

As a part of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long-Term Control Plan, the City of Newport is in the process of replacing of the Wellington Avenue Sanitary Sewer Interceptor. Replacement of the interceptor will require the opening of trenches along sections of Wellington Avenue to remove the old pipe and install the new pipe. In addition to the pipe removal and installation, the project will include by-pass pumping and manhole restoration.

The construction contract was awarded to Boyle & Fogarty Construction Co. of Smithfield, RI. Construction is scheduled to begin the week of September 27, 2010. Construction work will start in front of the Wellington Ave. CSO Facility in the vicinity of Marchant Street and progress west to the end of the project near the intersection of Wellington Avenue and Halidon Avenue. It is expected that the sewer construction will be complete by January 2011. Permanent road restoration will take place in the Spring 2011. Approved hours for construction are 7AM – 5PM unless other approvals are granted by the City.

As construction of replacing the Wellington Avenue sewer progresses, it will be necessary to block side streets and driveways along Wellington Avenue. For side streets, local access will be maintained from the eastern end and all other traffic will be detoured to Wellington Avenue via another route. For driveways, a representative from the City's engineering firm will provide a minimum of 24 hours notice that a driveway will be blocked during construction hours (7 AM – 5 PM) giving residents ample notice to park cars on the street prior to the blocking of the driveway. Access to all side streets and driveways will be restored at the completion of construction activities each day.

Throughout the construction period, traffic control will be coordinated with the contractor and the Newport Police Department at all times. Traffic delays can be expected on Wellington Avenue. Alternate routes are advised to be used in order to avoid the construction area. The Department of Utilities recognizes the work to complete the project will impact traffic in the work area. The Department is making every effort to balance replacing the Wellington Avenue sewer 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.

