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Long Wharf Force Main Construction Schedule  
August 31, 2009 through September 8, 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. 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.

**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.

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

**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. On August 31<sup>st</sup> the entry pit on Connell Highway is being dismantled and will be backfilled. The traffic shift in this area will be removed by the end of the day on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

On September 1<sup>st</sup> work for the next slip lining segment on America's Cup Avenue between Bridge and Poplar Streets will begin. On September 1<sup>st</sup> excavation will begin for the entry pit which will be in America's Cup Avenue at Bridge Street. The northbound lanes in America's Cup Avenue will be closed between Bridge Street and Marlborough Street. Two way traffic will be provided in the southbound lanes of America's Cup in this area until the slip lining is completed.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> excavation will begin for the receiving pit located in America's Cup Avenue at Poplar Street. The northbound lane of America's Cup Avenue will be closed and alternating traffic using the southbound lane will be directed by the Newport Police at this excavation site. Alternating traffic in this area will only be in place during work hours. The road will be open to traffic nights and weekends.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> the slip lining of the force main in America's Cup Avenue between Bridge and Poplar Streets will be performed. On September 8<sup>th</sup> the slip lining process for this section will be completed.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> work will begin on the next segment for the slip lining process which is on America's Cup Avenue between Bridge Street and Long Wharf. Details on this work will be described in a subsequent construction report.

For Labor Day weekend the only traffic restriction in place associated with the force main repair work is anticipated for America's Cup Avenue in the northbound lanes between Marlborough and Bridge Streets.

**The Phase 2** construction of the repair in the railroad right of way is ongoing.

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

Updated information on the project is also available on the City's website at [www.cityofnewport.com](http://www.cityofnewport.com).