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**Long Wharf Force Main Construction Schedule
September 8, 2009 through September 17, 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.

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. As of September 4, 2009 the slip lining in America's Cup Avenue between Bridge and Poplar Streets will be completed. 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.

September 8th to September 11th excavation will be underway for the entry and receiving pits for the next section of slip lining in America's Cup Avenue between Bridge Street and Long Wharf. Additional access points requiring excavation are also required for this section of slip lining in America's Cup Avenue. Two way traffic will be provided in America's Cup Avenue but it will be diverted around the work areas.

In order to proceed with repairs to the Long Wharf force main, modifications are required to the water main which crosses the intersection of America's Cup Avenue at Long Wharf. The work on the water main requires the shutdown of the water main in Long Wharf and Long Wharf Mall. The work on the water main will be performed on September 9th starting at 3:00am with completion for 6:00am. Affected water customers have been notified separately.

On September 9th and 10th Farewell Street (between Van Zandt Avenue and America's Cup Avenue) will be closed 6:00am to 6:00 pm in order to install the manhole structures in the areas that are currently plated. A detour will be in place for southbound traffic directing vehicles east on Van Zandt Avenue and Summer Street to Broadway then south on Broadway to Marlborough Street. The detour for northbound traffic on Farewell Street will be diverted on America's Cup Avenue to east on Marlborough Street then north on Broadway to Summer Street and Van Zandt Avenue.

September 14 through September 17th the slip lining on America's Cup Avenue between Bridge Street and Long Wharf will be completed.

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

On September 21st work will begin on the next segment for the slip lining process which is on Long Wharf. Details on this work will be described in a subsequent construction report.

The Phase 2 construction of the repair in the railroad right of way is ongoing. As of September 4th 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.

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.

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