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Long Wharf Force Main Construction Schedule
August 24, 2009 through August 31, 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.

The Phase 1 construction of the slip lining process continues between the Pell Bridge off ramp on Connell Highway and the intersection of Farewell Street and America's Cup Avenue. Work hours are 6:00 am to 6:00pm. On August 24 and 25th excavation will be completed on Connell Highway at the Pell Bridge off ramp for the entry point for the slip lining process. A section of the northbound lane on Connell Highway at the bridge off ramp will be closed to traffic to accommodate the equipment required for the slip lining process. Alternating one way traffic at this area on Connell Highway will be controlled

by the Newport Police Department. Preparatory work for the slip lining process will be performed starting August 26th. This work will require alternating traffic at times on Farewell Street. The slip lining of the force main on Connell Hwy and Farewell Street to America's Cup Avenue is scheduled to begin Thursday August 27th and estimated to be completed in approximately seven business days. After completion of the work described above, the area for the slip lining work will proceed to America's Cup Avenue which will be described in a subsequent construction report.

The Phase 2 construction of the repair in the railroad right of way continues. As of now, approximately 3000 linear feet of 36" pipe has been installed.

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 Farewell St and America's Cup Avenue and on the bridge off ramp. Alternate routes are advised to be used in order to avoid the construction area. .