

Freemason Area Water and Sewer Project Open House Meeting Minutes

10/27/08 Downtown Norfolk Council Conference Room

Attendees: See attached attendee list.

Presentation Overview

- Andrew Northcutt (Management Analyst, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Handout (See attachment)
 - Agenda
 - Meeting Minutes
- David Speer (Civil Engineer, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
 - Project Overview/Update
 - Map Overview
 - Areas that are shaded black have completed the water & sewer pipe work
 - Areas shaded yellow are currently under construction
 - Project Update
 - Construction is currently underway at the intersection of Yarmouth Street/Bute Street
 - Water construction on West York Street has been extended to the 400 block of York Street to replace an aged water main.
 - Upon the completion of laying the water mains on West York Street, sewer construction will begin.
 - Dunmore Street construction will follow after the York Street water and sewer pipes have been installed.
 - Construction on the 300 block of Bute Street has begun.
 - Bute Street is closed to thru traffic
 - Sidewalk barriers have been moved back to widen sidewalk access.
 - Omar and the YMCA have access to their parking lots
 - Construction will eventually be directly in front of parking lot entrances, contractors will make every effort to provide access.
 - When construction begins on Dunmore Street, contractors are looking into keeping one lane of traffic open
- Paul Filion (Transportation Construction Project Manager)- Light Rail update
 - Light Rail downtown Construction Matrix passed out and reviewed.
 - Items shaded gray are complete.
 - Matrix is updated as new permits come in.

Discussion

- Cathy Coleman suggested that the DNC send out a ‘street smarts’ memo as construction progresses towards Omar’s Carriage House.
 - This will provide alternative routes around construction while in the Freemason Area
- Question concerning assistance for Omar’s Carriage House parking while construction is directly in front of his restaurant whether the YMCA has been approached to perhaps allow Omar’s customer’s to park in their garage.
 - Kristen Lentz said that she received information from Freda Burns that this is not feasible to the YMCA, for there are insurance issues with parking in their garage.
 - If Omar wants to offer valet parking the City will validate parking in the York Street garage.
- Concerns whether emergency vehicles will have access if need be
 - Yes, Contractors will do whatever is needed to allow access
- Question concerning what the contractor’s holiday shut down hours will be.
 - Ken Turner said the holiday schedule is being analyzed currently; however, typically contractors work out a 4 day weekend off schedule.