

Freemason Area Water and Sewer Project Open House Meeting Minutes

12/15/08 Downtown Norfolk Council Conference Room

Attendees: See attached attendee list.

Presentation Overview

- Andrew Northcutt (Management Analyst, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
 - Introduction and project purpose
 - Handout overview (See attachment)
 - Agenda
 - Meeting Minutes
- David Speer (Civil Engineer V, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
 - Project Overview/ Update
 - New Map Overview
 - Areas that are shaded black have completed the water & sewer pipe work
 - Areas shaded yellow are currently under construction
 - Project Update
 - We have been continuing to work in the same areas
 - The 300 block of Bute Street.
 - The Bute/Yarmouth intersection is being paved now. The 300 block of Bute Street will be paved to just west of the entrance to Omar's Carriage House.
 - Barricades will be shifted this week to block access from Dunmore Street.
 - The 400 block of York Street
 - Water line is being laid west of Botetourt intersection.
 - In the next couple of weeks sewer work will begin east of Botetourt intersection.
 - Construction is expected to continue on the 300 block of Bute Street and the 400 Block of York Street through the end of January.
 - Upon completion of Bute Street or York Street, whichever is first, that crew will then move to Dunmore Street.
 - Construction on Yarmouth Street will not begin until Dunmore, Bute, and York are 100% complete. Construction will then continue on a block by block basis.
- Heather Stein (HRT-Light Rail)
 - Dominion Virginia Power has work to do on West York Street; however, a permit has not yet been granted.
 - Charlotte Street is closed to through traffic as of today; two-way traffic will be maintained for parking access.

- Monticello work will begin in January. No permits have been granted at this time
- Dominion Virginia Power will have a southbound lane closure on St. Paul's between Main and Plume.
- The Charlotte Street sidewalk, between Boush and Granby, is open. Pedestrian traffic will be diverted to Bute Street when construction crews are working in the street.
- Freda Burns (Right-of-Way Coordinator, Norfolk Department of Public Works)
 - Dominion Virginia Power will be closing the right east bound lane of the City Hall/Monticello intersection for a manhole relocation.
 - Public Works is looking into possible night work for this.
 - Dominion Virginia Power will be closing the median lane of City Hall Avenue to relocate systems headed towards Bank Street.
 - Dump trucks in the Freemason Area
 - Last Saturday there were six dump trucks in the area that were police assisted.
 - Clancy and Theys' subcontractor was responsible for the other dump trucks in the area. Clancy and Theys was very apologetic regarding this issue.
 - The Belmont has noisy work coming up. They need to start work at 5:00 am for a two week period.

Discussion

- John Sires expressed concern regarding people not following the new traffic pattern on Dunmore Street.
- Comment stating that the Sirena's driveway has been blocked enough and can not be blocked anymore.
- Question concerning the pedestrian access to the Sirena's parking lot.
 - The sidewalk on the eastbound side of Charlotte Street is still open to pedestrian traffic for the Sirena's parking lot.
- Question concerning provisions being made for increased lighting.
 - Don Lint stated that there is a commitment from HRT to provide increased lighting. They are currently working on temporary lighting, there were some issues locating wires.
 - Heather Stein will follow up to see what HRT's plan is for this.
- Paul Fillion stated that they are reviewing the plan for the white fencing across the street from Baxter's. They are looking to possibly shorten it or take out some of the panels.
- Question regarding a detour for the right turn lane closure on Brambleton Avenue.
 - There is no specific detour for this closure. Transportation felt it was not necessary due to the number of alternate route options.
 - Additional signage was implemented today notifying motorists of the closure at the Brambleton/Boush and Brambleton/Duke intersections.

- Cathy Coleman stated that it would be nice to have the St. Paul's project updates brought into these meetings. She challenges everyone to take these meetings to the next level and look at all projects in the area and see what we can do to help.
 - The Department of Utilities agreed to provide St. Paul's project updates at future meetings.