

Weekly Construction Impact Open House

Meeting Minutes – Utilities

January 26, 2009 - 4:00pm

Downtown Norfolk Council Conference Room

Utilities Presentation Overview – Andrew Northcutt (Management Analyst, Norfolk Department of Utilities)

- Freemason Project Overview/Update
 - New map overview
 - Areas that are shaded yellow indicate the water and sewer work has been completed.
 - Areas shaded black are currently under construction
 - Areas shaded blue are the next phases of the project
 - Project Update
 - Bute Street has been paved, and is open to all thru traffic; sidewalk restoration is complete.
 - York Street pipe work is complete.
 - Construction crews are working in the Botetourt/ York Street intersection replacing the cobblestone.
 - Scheduled to be out of the intersection this week
 - Original plan was: Once pipe work was complete, Department of Utilities was to leave York Street unpaved due to Light Rail mobilizing immediately after. Change in the schedule for Light Rail has brought a new request for the Department of Utilities to pave York Street
 - The paving schedule is being coordinated with contractor.
 - The next phases of construction are:
 - Water main construction will begin on Dunmore Street tomorrow, January 27, 2009.
 - The water main will be installed first, with deep gravity sewer to follow.
 - Yarmouth Street water line is substantially complete; crews will continue installing water main to the Freemason St. intersection. Once this is complete they will then install the sewer line.
 - Once these two streets are complete, construction will then continue down Yarmouth Street, towards College Place and east on Freemason Street.
 - Two crews are scheduled to work simultaneously throughout the remainder of the project.
- St. Paul's Project Overview/Update
 - Construction continues on schedule.
 - The sewer connection has been made with the new Wachovia Center.

- There is a dual lane closure on St. Paul's Boulevard, from Brambleton Avenue to Charlotte Street. The curb and middle lanes will remain closed all of the time. The right turn lane from Brambleton to St. Paul's will continue to remain closed. There is a dual lane closure of St. Paul's north of Brambleton to align traffic with the St. Paul's closure south of Brambleton.
 - Closure will remain until the construction on St. Pauls Blvd is complete.
- Sanitary sewer main lines will still need to be installed on Bank Street near Freemason Street and on a short portion of Freemason Street. Multiple sanitary laterals will still need to be installed in Charlotte Street, Bank Street, and Freemason Street.

Utilities Discussion

- Greta Gustavson asked if the Department of Utilities was going to keep two fire hydrants at the Bute Street/ Yarmouth intersection.
 - Don Ewell responded, "No, there will only be one once the water line on Yarmouth is installed."
- Greta Gustavson, representing the Hunter House, asked how long construction on Freemason was estimated to last.
 - Andrew Northcutt said construction is expected to last six months; however, there is no way to forecast what is under the ground until construction begins.
 - Jack Kavanaugh inquired about the length of time.
 - Kristen Lentz explained a substantial amount of time would be needed for the removal and re-laying of the cobblestone on Freemason Street.
- Jim O'Brien asked where crews would stage from when working on Yarmouth Street.
 - Don Ewell replied that they would initially be staging from Bute Street in front of the YMCA, by The New Belmont construction. As construction progressed down Yarmouth, crews would move equipment to Yarmouth Street.
- Greta Gustavson asked if the street lights on York Street have been repaired.
 - Don Ewell said he was unaware of them not working and would look into.
- Greta Gustavson asked if Bute Street was going to be re-paved
 - Andrew Northcutt replied that once the entire project was complete, crews would then install final pavement.
- A question was asked inquiring how curb side garbage is handled when construction has the road closed.
 - Freda Burns said that waste management would do as needed to dispose of trash. They would get out of their trucks, manually pull trash cans to the truck and then return them to their original street side location.
- Jack Kavanaugh asked how long the St. Pauls road closure was expected to last, and when the entire project is expected to be complete.
 - Andrew Northcutt responded the closure is expected to last 1 more month.
 - The St. Pauls sanitary sewer project is projected to be complete by the end of May.