



Constitution Avenue Water & Sanitary Sewer Project

Construction Project Newsletter

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The City of Portsmouth Department of Public Utilities will soon begin replacement of the existing water and sanitary sewer mains along a portion of Constitution Avenue from approximately North Street to Ann Street. We hope the following information will help answer your most frequently asked questions.

What will the construction activity be like?

Construction will consist of replacement of the existing sanitary sewer and water lines along a portion of Constitution Avenue. In general, this work will be confined to excavation of the roadway for installation of the pipes, manholes and various connections. Upon completion of the utility work, this portion of Constitution Avenue will be repaved.

The project was awarded to Gaston Brothers with an anticipated mobilization at the beginning of May. The total construction time for this project is two months. Unfortunately, construction of this magnitude can be disruptive. However, the City and Gaston Brothers will work very hard to minimize disruptions. In general, construction activity will be limited to Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm. However, there will be a maximum of three scheduled water service interruptions as the contractor replaces the water lines. This work will occur between the hours of midnight and 6am and you will be notified in advance. We ask for your patience during this project.

Will construction impact access or service delivery?

During construction, the work zone will be closed to through traffic. Detour signs will be installed directing traffic around the construction and into and out of the neighborhood (see map on reverse side). Normal on-street parking will not be available on Constitution Avenue in the construction zone. Please see the map on the reverse side which corresponds to the following numbered comments:

1. Access to the neighborhood will be available off London Boulevard via Chesapeake Avenue. You will not be able to enter the neighborhood via Constitution Avenue.
2. Chesapeake Avenue will temporarily be a one-way street.
3. North Street, between Constitution and Chesapeake Avenues will temporarily be two-way traffic to residents living on North Street.
4. To exit the neighborhood, traffic will be directed to London Boulevard via North and Constitution.
5. Residents may wish to use Booker Street as an alternative in and out of the neighborhood.

With the exception of the scheduled interruptions, your water and sewer service will continue as normal. Mail delivery, garbage collection, bus service, etc. will continue as scheduled. However, bulk trash pick up will not be available in the construction zone during this period. Residents in the construction zone will continue to have access to your property throughout construction although there may be brief blockages while work takes place directly in front of your property.

General Questions about the Project?

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