

Waterbury FEGC F 013-4(13) - Main Street Reconstruction Project Commonly Asked Questions / Potential Businesses Concerns

Commonly Asked Questions:

Q: What will traffic flow be like: one lane/two lanes?

A: *Two lanes of traffic (one lane in each direction) will be maintained for most of the roadway reconstruction. However, there will be periods when one-way traffic will be required during non-peak hours for each Segment reconstruction to reduce delays during commuting hours. It is anticipated that one-way traffic will be limited to a three-week duration for each Segment of the project. Some site-specific construction activities such as five (5) primary underground utility crossings will require one-way traffic during non-peak hours.*

Q: What will be the expected hours and days of construction?

A: *Typical Hours and days of construction will be Monday through Friday, 6:00 am – 6:00 PM. However, some underground utility work and primary intersection work may occur after hours and at night. Weekend work may be required pending weather restraints and to maintain schedule.*

Q: What can the public anticipate for construction locations in year 1, year 2, and year 3?

A: *Year 1 - The Contractor's proposed construction sequencing is to complete all underground utilities, roadway, drainage, base course pavement and streetscape reconstruction along Segment 3 (Park Row to Batchelder Street) and Segment 4 (Batchelder Street to End of Project) in 2019. Additionally, construction of the underground sewer and underground utility vaults are scheduled to begin at the intersection of Main Street and Elm Street in Mid-August and proceed East along Segment 2 as far as possible in 2019*

Year 2 - Similarly, reconstruction of Segments 1 (Roundabout to Stowe Street) and Segment 2 (Stowe Street to Park Row) including all underground utilities, roadway, drainage, base course pavement and streetscape reconstruction is scheduled for 2020.

Year 3 - Final paving, line striping and streetscape amenities are scheduled for completion by June 30, 2021. In addition, old remaining utility poles along the areas of aerial utility relocations will be removed and small areas of sidewalk replaced.

Q: Will there be handicap parking on Main Street when finished?

A: *No handicap specific parking spaces are included in the project.*

Q: Where will the displaced parking spots be relocated?

A: *Revitalizing Waterbury will be working with all of the abutting property owners to coordinate potential shared use of available space for displaced parking spots throughout construction. The many number of public parking spaces located outside of the immediate work zone(s) will be available for use.*

Q: Are there any detours?

A: *There are no “Designated Signed Detours” provided in the project as VTrans cannot legally assign and/or dictate detours along public or private roadways. Commuters are encouraged to seek alternative routes around construction zones where available. VTrans anticipates many commuters will circumvent Main Street along Winooski Street to the Town Highway opposite the Winooski River down to VT Route 100 in Duxbury.*

Q: Any financial compensation for business losses?

A: *Under State Law, businesses affected by the reconstruction of a State or Town Highway are not eligible for financial compensation.*

Q: How will electricity shut offs be coordinated? How long will the power be out? Need sufficient notice.

A: *Utility companies will notify property owners one week in advance of electrical service disconnects. VTrans, the Contractor and the Public Relations Coordinator/ Waterbury Liaison (Barb Farr) will more closely monitor, refine, communicate and coordinate all electrical service work with the abutters and utilities in accordance with construction progress and sequencing. Special accommodations may be considered on a case-to-case basis.*

Q: Businesses are concerned about access to parking, driveways, temporary signage, and pedestrian traffic.

A: *Property owners will be notified in advance of all timings and durations of access disruption. The contractor will work with VTrans and the Town to coordinate necessary temporary signage*

directing motorists to businesses. The contractor will provide for pedestrian mobility and safety as part of their ongoing traffic management plan(s).

Businesses Questions & Concerns:

Q: When will the state parking lot for Stanley Hall be open to the public for alternative parking?

A: *There are no current provisions for alternate public parking at Stanley Hall.*

Q: Concerned about people other than customers parking in my parking area. I also wonder what will become of the landscape and trees along Main Street during the reconstruction?

A: *Private parking areas for residential and commercial properties can be signed accordingly. Numerous trees throughout the corridor will need to be removed during construction. New trees and landscape features have been coordinated with abutting property owners and will be replaced as part of the project.*

Q: How will drivers be able to access our driveway, especially with one-way traffic?

A: *Access to all commercial and residential drives will be maintained throughout construction with the exception of when underground utility and roadway reconstruction takes place at direct drive access points. Advanced notice of work schedule will be communicated throughout construction to provide advance notice of when direct conflicts should occur. All driveway access will be restored as soon as practicable and at worst, by the end of each working day. Temporary signage directing motorists to businesses may be employed if determined appropriate during construction.*

Q: How much advanced notice will there be for water and sewer shutoffs? How will this information be conveyed?

A: *The contractor through the Public Outreach Coordinator (Barb Farr) will notify property owners in advance of any planned temporary disruption to water and sewer service. Anticipated duration of disruption will be communicated to the property owners in advance.*

Q: What signage will be provided to support businesses? How will this be coordinated?

A: *The contractor will need to notify property owners of timing and duration of any access disruption. Temporary signage direction motorists to businesses may be employed if determined appropriate during construction.*

Q: **How will deliveries be handled? Currently trucks park on the side of Main Street, few alternative locations?**

A: *Any concerns about delivery locations or times should be communicated to the Contractor. Alternative delivery locations and times should be considered to avoid the work zone.*

Q: **Will there be continued access to sidewalks for pedestrians?**

A: *Yes. If a sidewalk is located within the immediate work zone, an alternative route for pedestrians will be provided.*