

BECKWITH STREET REVITALIZATION

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE NO.19 – COMMISSIONED

The watermain on Beckwith Street successfully completed the commissioning process! The contractor will now complete multiple connections of the new watermain to the existing ones on each side street. These connections are typically completed during the night, and to date five of the eleven connections have been completed.

In addition to the watermain connections, many properties have had their individual services connected to the new system, and as the remaining services are installed they will be connected right away.

Underground electrical work has been steadily progressing as well. All of the pole foundations in the Main Street intersection, as well as many of the ducts that connect the poles, have been installed.

Following closely behind the services, the crew building the road has completed the west side of Beckwith Street from Russell Street down to Main Street. They have also removed much of the existing concrete sidewalks, and they have spent time creating safer and smoother temporary sidewalks.



UP-COMING

The following activities will occur in the next two weeks:

- Water and sewer services will continue to be installed on the west side of Beckwith Street (from Main Street to Chambers Street) and will be completed within the next two weeks.
- Overnight connections of the new watermain will continue periodically over the next two weeks. Note: At this time, there are four more night shifts required to complete all the connections.
- The Contractor will complete the water service hookups on the east side of Beckwith Street and remove the large steel casings from the sidewalk.
- Grading for new sidewalks and excavations for tree pits will commence.
- The electrical contractor will continue to install new underground infrastructure on the east side from Russell Street to Main Street, as well as in the Russell Street intersection.

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TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN CONTROL

Traffic has recently shifted onto a temporary granular surface between Main Street and Chambers Street. The contractor will maintain this small segment on a daily basis to ensure the driving surface remains as smooth as possible, while continuing to install the new roadway on the other side.

Pedestrian movements will continue to change and evolve as the construction activities progress. Staying within the fencing and keeping an eye out for “No Exit” or “Sidewalk Closed” signage will assist in navigating the construction site safely. When in doubt on how to access a particular business or area, please ask the nearest worker and they will help provide directions.

There will be temporary closures of side streets overnight as the watermain connection are completed, once per connection, and a subsequent one-day closure to complete the installation of the granular road base afterwards.



DID YOU KNOW?

Most modern construction equipment now come with rear view cameras and large digital display screens. Rear view cameras offer an additional level of safety, same as they do with regular vehicles.

This picture was taken directly from one of the excavators currently on site, and as can be seen it provides much more information than just the image. To name a few, it displays gas level, hydraulic fuel level, grade and slope the shovel is sitting on, orientation of the tracks compared to the cabin, number of hours the machine has been operated, and more.

When it comes to modern construction equipment there is essentially more than meets the eye!