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Re: School Street Watermain Construction
Schedule Update

Dear Residents and Interested Parties:

We understand that the construction work on School Street will have an impact on the start of School for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Rest assured we are in close contact with the Contractor as well as School Officials to clearly communicate any impacts so that they be known to all before folks get on the road. The Contractor has been specifically working on the section of watermain between the Essex County Club and Vine Street in hopes of completing that work and therefore lessening the potential impacts to School traffic as soon as possible. While the start of School was the target date, the Contractor is not quite going to clear this area in that time frame. Work will need continue in this stretch; however, there will be no ROAD CLOSURE detours during school drop off and pick up (From Essex towards Lincoln Street in the morning, and from Pleasant Street Extension towards Essex in the afternoon; note the opposite direction at these times will be closed). The ROAD CLOSURE detour from Central Street towards Lincoln will be in place during this time. During the school day, detours may be in place in both directions. We ask that all those that can avoid the area do so, to alleviate as much congestion as possible. Summer Street to Lincoln Street will always be an open route. Also note that the watermain bypass will need to remain in place for the duration of this work, but portions may be removed in the next couple weeks from the northern section as well. Pedestrians and cyclists will need to use caution in the area throughout, especially where watermain bypass is in place. After the work on this section (Country Club to Vine Street) is complete the Contractor will move on to the area between Vine Street and Central and corresponding detours will be in place however less impactful to the school traffic.

While not ideal, this is the reality of construction, and we truly appreciate your patience and forbearance during this critical water main project. As an aside- We fully intend to complete full width paving of the roadway and sidewalk in the spring after the trenches have had adequate time to settle over the winter season, more details will emerge when planning is complete.

All the Best,

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