



# Reading Public Works Department Project Update Bulletin

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## Recycling Center at New Crossing Road is Getting a Facelift

The Recycling Center on New Crossing Road will be getting a much needed facelift this month. The Styrofoam and electronics containers will be moved to the area used for recycling waste oil and bulbs. The goal is to create a “self service” center that has easier and safer access for residents. At present the center accepts Styrofoam, waste oil, florescent bulbs and electronics which are located in three areas on the site. The goal is to have a dedicated area with better signage, closer parking, and a simpler way to drop off recyclables.

We plan to have the area completed early in October. We expect no disruptions to the current program. Stay tuned .....



## Another Successful Town Recycle Day!

The Department of Public Works hosted a collection event on Saturday, Sept. 20th and accepted the following items:

VCR's, Stereos, etc. (no TV's or CRT's)

Paper Shredding

Rigid Plastics

Goodwill—*Clothing, shoes, bedding, home goods etc.*

Styrofoam # 6 Collection

This event is held twice a year, and as usual, we had a great response!

490 cars dropped off items

2 (30 yard ) dumpsters filled

1 electronics container filled

Thank you for your participation!

**West Street Roadway Project**

The proposed roadway reconstruction and safety project consists of pavement reclamation, utility relocation, the construction of new cement concrete sidewalks, the installation of new granite curbing, drainage improvements, the installation of new traffic signals and improved traffic signage, and pavement markings along West Street. In addition, traffic signal installations are proposed at three West Street intersections including Woburn Street/Wescroft Road, Winslow Road/King Street and Willow Street.

Traffic signal upgrades are proposed at the intersections of West Street with South Street and Summer Avenue with Woburn Street. Bicycle accommodations are provided along West Street and consist of a usable shoulder.

The project construction costs are estimated at \$7,640,000.00.

The Town of Reading's share of the construction and other costs is \$1.3 million with the balance paid through federal and state transportation funds. The project is bid and overseen by MassDOT. The Project was advertised for bids by MassDOT on May 31, 2014.

Current planned Bid Opening Date Sept. 30, 2014.

While some construction this year is possible, given the late bid opening date it is anticipated that construction will not commence until Spring 2015.

The project will take approximately 2 years to complete.

**NGRID West Street—Gas Utility Prep Work**

In support of the project, NGRID replaced approximately 4,500 linear feet of gas mains within the project area. Work on the gas replacement started in the spring and has been completed.

**MWRA Redundant Water Main Project**

To eliminate the need to install a water main shortly after the completion of the West Street roadway improvements, MWRA has fast tracked the installation of the new 36" redundant water main to be installed within West Street starting at the Woburn/Reading town line to Oak Street.

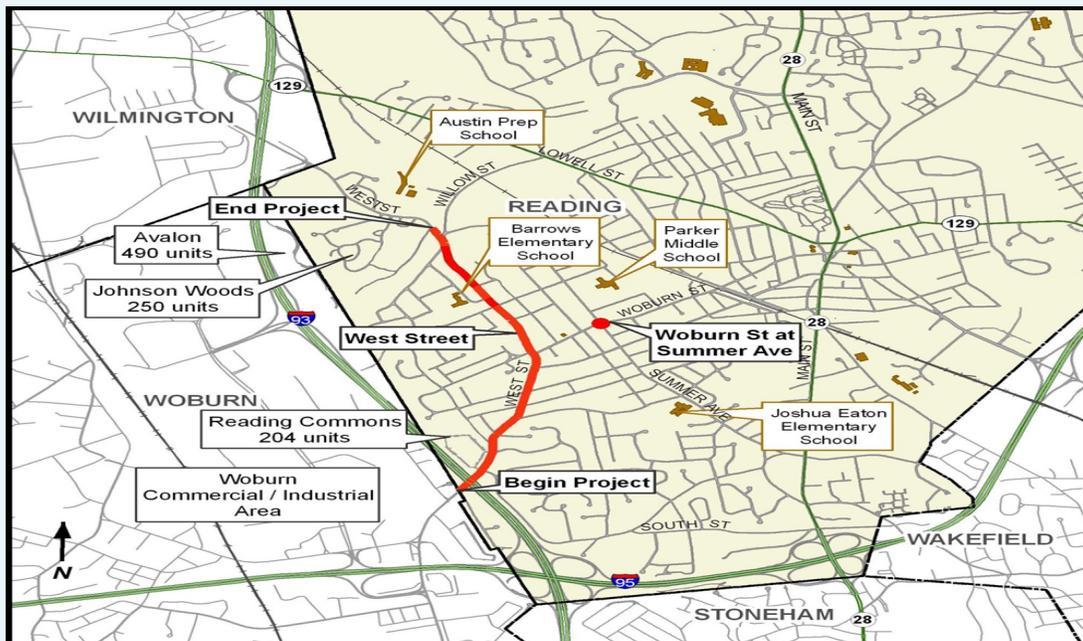
To facilitate the water main construction, West Street will be limited to one lane of traffic and detours will be in place daily. Due to the installation of such a large pipe in a roadway with numerous other utilities, it is possible that detours may be required for both lanes of traffic on occasions.

Construction Zone Safety Plans, including police details, will be provided for traffic and pedestrian safety.

The proposed work will begin on October 1st and be completed by December 22, 2014. Work will be from 7am-5pm with some Saturdays anticipated. Message boards were posted on September 24th with construction updates.

For additional information please visit [MWRA.com](http://MWRA.com).

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**MEMORIAL PARK SKATING LIGHTS**



Newly installed conduits

The US Army Corps of Engineers agreed to install six light poles purchased by the Town. This was the second project the Army Corps has worked on with Reading. The lights will illuminate both skating areas and will feature 16 LED -energy efficient fixtures on the six poles. The DPW installed the underground conduits and the holes for each pole. The Army Corps pulled all the wires and installed the poles with final connections done by the Town. The poles and light work was completed in mid-September. The wiring and finish work should be completed by the end of October and the facility will be open for the first skate of the winter. Special thanks to Sgt. Whitehead and his crew of the Delta Company, 249<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and RMLD for their support and help with this project.



Army Corps of Engineers hard at work



**WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**



The Town of Reading through its contractor, SB General Contracting, has begun rehabilitating water mains on the following streets:

*Main Street (South St .to Ash St) ~ Main Replacement*

*Summer Avenue (Hopkins St .to Bear Hill Rd) ~ Main Replacement*

*Minot Street (Main St. to Washington St) ~ Main Replacement*

*Libby Avenue (Salem St. to Ivy St) ~ Main Replacement*

*Bear Hill Road (Cedar St .to Summer Ave) ~ Cleaning & Lining*

*X-Country Main (Ivy St . to Belmont St) ~ New Loop Main*



**Workers excavating water main**

Construction started on Libby Avenue during the week of August 4, 2014. Work begins each day at 7:00 A.M. and ends at approximately 5:00 P.M. This project is anticipated to last a total of 18 months, starting with Libby Avenue which will last approximate a few months.

Please use caution when traveling along the street during the construction period. No parking will be allowed on the street during working hours.

During this project the water mains will be cleaned and lined and replaced. Temporary water mains will be placed on the sidewalk/gutter area prior to work to provide water services to the residences during construction. Open trench excavation will occur within the travel way. The streets will be closed and/or detoured during construction hours. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes. The roadway will be open to local residents and emergency vehicles, however, excavation will limit access to driveways within the active construction area.



This process will improve the integrity of the water mains greatly as well as improve fire flows and water quality. Notices will be hand delivered to the streets affected throughout the process.

During this project, on your day for collection of rubbish, all rubbish must be at the curb by 6:30 A.M. We also ask that no cars be parked on the street to help facilitate this construction project.

The Town of Reading will be working diligently to expedite the work on your street and we thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue please feel free to contact the Town of Reading Engineering Division at (781) 942-9082 or the Water Division at (781) 942-9092.

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### **PROJECT UPDATES**

#### **Week of 8/4/14**

Construction begins on Libby Avenue

Contractor mobilizes equipment on Libby Avenue

Begin installing temporary water main bypass on Libby Avenue

#### **Week of 8/11/14**

Continue installing temporary water main bypass on Libby Avenue

#### **Week of 8/18/14**

Complete installing temporary water main bypass on Libby Avenue

Test Temporary bypass on Libby Avenue

Begin connecting buildings to temporary bypass on Libby Avenue



**Workers backfilling trench**

#### ***Coming in the November DPW Project Update Bulletin:***

*West Street Roadway Update ... Recycling Center Layout... DPW Snow Removal, Preparation, and Planning*

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## Reading Department of Public Works Factoids

Below are some interesting facts you may not know about the Public Works Department.....

- Maintains a fleet of 160 pieces of equipment including DPW, Police, Fire, Schools vehicles
- Cleans and repairs 2750 catch basins
- Maintains and plows 100 miles of roadways
- Plows 37 miles of sidewalk
- Maintains 110 miles of water distribution piping
- Operates 4 cemeteries within the Town
- Maintains 4 parks
- Maintains 6 skating rinks
- Maintains 13 sewer pumping stations
- Maintains 10 ball fields
- Maintains 12 tennis courts
- Maintains 35 traffic islands
- Maintains all grounds at school and town Buildings
- Maintains 10 playgrounds
- Operates composting and recycling facilities
- Maintains 850 fire hydrants

