



Reading Public Works Department Project Update Bulletin

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Phase A Water Main Capital Improvements (Under Construction)

- Libby Avenue Main Replacement – COMPLETED
- Minot Street Main Replacement - COMPLETED
- Summer Avenue Main Replacement – COMPLETED
- Bear Hill Road Cleaning and Lining – COMPLETED
- Main Street Main Replacement – 85% Completed

o 12" pipe has been installed, disinfected, and passed bacterial sampling from the railroad tracks to Hopkins street. Water services and intersections between the railroad tracks and Summer Avenue have been completed and connected to the new main.

o The contractor continues to transfer water services to the new main between Summer Avenue and South Street. Intersection work at Main and South Street remains in order to abandoned an existing 6" water main between South and Hopkins Street.

o Belmont Street to Ivy Lane water main loop – 0% completed

All permits have been obtained and construction will begin upon completion of Main street. Anticipated construction the end of September.

Phase B Water Main Capital Improvements (Under Construction)

- Linden Street Main Replacement - COMPLETED
- Salem Street Main Replacement

Start date tentatively fall 2015.

West Street roadway project update:

MassDOT opened bids for the West St. Reconstruction Project on Sept. 30, 2014, and the Contract was awarded to Newport Construction. Construction is expected to take at least 2 years to complete.

The West Street project which is bid and managed by MassDOT began active construction on May 4th.

As of Thursday August 27, 2015 the following work has occurred:

Trimmed and removed trees necessary for the Project.

Utility crews have relocated utility poles and are in the process of transferring cables.

The short section of Willow Street which runs between Summer Avenue and West Street, alongside the grassed island was permanently closed to all traffic.

The contractor installed approximately 4,600 feet of drainage on West Street from the West / Willow / Summer Avenue intersection to Woburn Street.

The contractor installed approximately 200 feet of drainage on Howard Street, up to the West Street intersection.

The Contractor has installed new catch basins along the new drainage system.

Reclaimed roadway surface from Longwood Road to King Street.

Installed first course of pavement (Longwood Road to King Street).

Began installing granite curbing and concrete sidewalks on West Street in the vicinity of Arcadia Avenue.

Beginning the week of August 31, 2015 the following work is anticipated:

Continue installing drainage on West Street, between Howard Street and Countryside Lane.

The drainage installation will require a shut down of the water main on West Street between Howard Street and Prescott Street. It is anticipated that this shut down will occur on Tuesday September 1st. Residences on West Street in the affected area will receive additional information prior to the temporary water shut down.

Continue utility pole line transfer throughout the work corridor.

The contractor will continue to install catch basins on West Street between King Street and Woburn Street.

Detours

The detour utilizing Summer Avenue and Woburn Street has been in effect since the start of construction.

This detour will remain in effect until further notice when active construction is occurring on West Street.

Additional detours for the drainage work occurring on West between near Howard St. and Countryside Lane will utilize side streets, adjacent to the work area, and will be in effect for the duration of this work. The detours for the drainage work in this section could vary daily based on the location of the drainage work occurring that day.

Road Construction Update

Fall 2015/Spring 2016

Later this summer and into the fall, the Town will be micro-surfacing Ashley Place, Fairchild Drive, Jessica Circle, and Lindsay Lane. Micro-surfacing is the process where any cracks are sealed, and a new asphalt wearing surface is applied to the existing pavement. Residents will receive more notification of this prior to the work commencing on their street.

The Town is in the process of finalizing which streets will be included in resurfacing work to be completed this fall and next spring (2016).

Please refer to the Engineering Division's webpage <http://www.readingma.gov/engineering-division> later this summer for an updated list of streets to be resurfaced in the future.

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See Click Fix updates

Since our launch of See Click-Fix over a year ago, we have received a great response from residents with the rollout of the system. Residents now have a quick, easy way to communicate issues and concerns.



Listed below are the summary stats, by category, on all completed work. You can see the increase in issues that were fixed in August as compared to March:

<u>Type of Request</u>	<u>March 2015</u> <u>Number fixed</u>	<u>August 2015</u> <u>Number fixed</u>
• Potholes	41	81
• Sidewalks	20	49
• Tree/branches	22	35
• Street	14	27
• Water	9	10
• Signage	12	19
• Street lights	12	22
• Drainage/storm water	6	12
• Rubbish/Recycling/Compost	5	9
• Traffic signals	5	9
• Manholes/catch basin	2	10
• Sewer	1	1
• Snow/Ice	13	28
• Other*	30	61

*Other items are those issues that do not appear under the above categories that may be Police, Fire, or other Public safety issues.

The See Click Fix Mobile App continues to grow with participation from Reading residents. Issues brought to our attention can be tracked by residents and monitored by our supervisors. Positive feedback regarding the Towns response to these issues make this a useful tool for our operations.

Line Painting

The 2015 Summer/Fall Line painting program started in mid-August, and will be completed by early September. As is evident as you drive around the town, it is a very important, safety oriented / comprehensive program, that comes at a cost of slightly over \$40,000 to complete.

The program includes all center lines, fog lines, crosswalks, directional arrows, parking lots (high school lot itself a one night project), yellow hazard areas, etc.

The work is done by private contractors, at night, (with town staff supervision), and takes several nights to complete.

The goal is always to complete the program prior to school, we were able to do.



Coming in the October DPW Project Update Bulletin:

Project update– ongoing construction projects

New town wide hydrant marking program

Update FY16 street paving program

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