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Hartford Hospital Area Water Main Replacement and Sewer Improvement Projects Stakeholder Meeting Q & A from September 15, 2022

Q: Is there a plan to close Maple Avenue?

A: No. A lane shift is likely along with the potential for alternating one way.

Q: How long will Retreat Ave be disrupted?

A: Construction work is expected to take 4-6 weeks, followed by testing and paving

Q: Will there be water interruptions?

A: The existing water main stays in service while the new main is installed. After the new main is flushed and tested we will begin service transfers for each property from the old main to the new main. It is during this process that temporary water service is interrupted, usually for a period of 4-6 hours. When this happens, we contact each property directly PRIOR to the transfer taking place so we can coordinate accordingly.

Q: Will there be parking bans?

A: Yes, parking along the street will be temporarily restricted as we install the water main. We'll only need to take up parking where we're working at the time. Notifications will be distributed ahead of time and signage will be placed on the street. This is done in coordination with the City of Hartford and the Hartford Parking Authority. Local access for traffic and access to businesses will be maintained.

Q: Will hydrants be affected?

A: Existing hydrants are planned for replacement at every location within the project area. Some locations may be shifted with prior approval and coordination with the City of Hartford. No private hydrants will be replaced. We don't have a need for any temporary hydrants.

Q: What will happen on Retreat & Washington for busses to get through?

A: We coordinate with the COH, CT Transit, and school busses to be sure we share traffic construction plans and allow for access. All of those concerns are part of the work plan.

Q: Are any road going to be completely closed*?

A: Essex – yes, local traffic will be allowed through
Washington – no
Retreat – no
Jefferson – no

*It's important to note with traffic plans and work plans that they are subject to change based on actual onsite conditions for the safety of contractors, staff, motorists and pedestrians. Traffic plans will be communicated to the project stakeholders in advance of work.

Q: Who can we contact for questions between now and when the project begins?

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