

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REPORT

WEEKS JULY 20TH AND JULY 27TH PROJECT WEEKS #14 AND #15

PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY WITHIN WORK AREA

PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS (WALK BIKE) PLEASE USE THE NEW SIDEWALK, DO NOT WALK IN ROADWAY WHERE SURFACE IS UNEVEN AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IS OPERATING. CHESTER POLICE OFFICERS ARE STATIONED AT BOTH ENDS OF THE WORK AREA TO DIRECT TRAFFIC AND ASSIST PEDESTRIANS AND DELIVERY PERSONNEL ACCESS BUSINESSES.

The next two weeks of construction will concentrate on preparation of the Main Street roadbed, resetting water and sanitary manhole tops to the new street's finish grade, removal of old pavement and grading at Chester Wall and French Hen. The pavement on Spring Street is being excavated over the next few work days and Spring Street may be closed during the day but should be open for traffic after hours. The contractor's road excavation in this area and at intersection of Spring Street may be held up waiting for utility crews to complete their wire transfers on the new pole in front of Strutt Your Mutt. Three services, Frontier, Comcast, and Fiber Tech need to coordinate with each other and the Town's contractor to avoid undue delays completing the street's reconstruction and paving schedule.

The contractor completed the installation of the large storm water quality structure in front of the old Town Hall and will now work at the Maple and Main intersection to finish grading the road base. This work necessitates closing lower Maple Street during the day to ensure safe movement of construction equipment and the numerous trucks hauling away old pavement and returning with loads of new subbase material. This past week the contractor was using up to five trucks a day making hourly trips into the work zone.

The Town has requested the project engineer discuss with the contractor extending Maple Street's reconstruction to install additional catch basins to abate chronic excessive storm waterflow and winter icing problems. This work is an addition to the project's scope and will add a few days of preparation prior to paving, but these improvements are warranted and now is the opportune time to correct these problems.

Spring Street reconstruction will also be extended by about 50 feet beyond the original project limits to match a newer section of roadway. Spring Street will be regraded, granite curb installed, and the old catch basins tops replaced from the "recycle house" to Main Street intersection.

Another small addition to the roadway reconstruction limits will be extending new pavement about 30 feet to the new bridge surface. This gap was held out of the original scope of work, now that the new water main is installed the temporary pavement patch in this section should be replaced with new paving.

At the east edge of the project it was recently discovered that existing utility conduits serving the building at 69 Main Street, Otto's restaurant, do not meet depth requirements and must be replaced prior to installing the new roadway. At this time, it has not been determined the estimated length of delay, in addition to preparing a new utility trench in roadway the concrete driveway ramp, sidewalk and driveway will be excavated to extend the conduit to the building. Once this work is completed the utility companies will be called in to install their services.