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Water Main Break Updates

Springfield, MA – Mayor Domenic J. Sarno and Chris Cignoli, Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) have released the following updates to the ongoing water main break work in the intersection of Main Street and Bridge Street.

Columbia Gas completed a majority of their work yesterday, and they have some minor work to complete today.

This afternoon, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission will be flow-filling a large portion of the hole to the elevation of the Verizon conduits.

Tomorrow, Verizon will be on site to complete the concrete encasement of their utilities.

DPW and Palmer Paving will be on-site tomorrow to remove pavement back to the limits of the crosswalks. This temporary base pavement will be installed and be in place for 6-8 weeks. We will allow for compaction of the soils and material in the area and go back later and install final paving. The final limits of paving will be about 100 feet further in each direction on Main Street and Bridge Street to the limits of impact of the pavement.

Utility companies will also be on-site tomorrow and Thursday to check the manholes and vaults for any repairs required on the surface.

Verizon is unsure if the vault cover will be available for Thursday (it is on special order) - we will leave the plate on the vault that houses the fiber and then replace when we do the roadwork in 6-8 weeks.

If the current schedules hold, the paving will be completed on Friday. DPW has coordinated with the Springfield Fire Department if necessary to assist in cleaning the area of dust and dirt that has accumulated.

Mayor Sarno also states, "Over the last ten years, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission has invested approximately \$231 million on capital projects to renew and replace water and sewer infrastructure within a system containing over 1,000 miles of pipeline. These projects have been financed through a combination of revenue, low interest state loans, public financing, and grants. Being respectful and mindful of our rate payers, we would welcome federal and/or state funding initiatives to address the aging infrastructure needs of Springfield and other 'Gateway Cities' in Massachusetts and in our nation."

Please see the attached letter from Mayor Sarno and Joshua D. Schimmel, Executive Director of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission.

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