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N. Cameron Street Drainage Improvements Project to begin Monday

Phase I of the North Cameron Street Drainage Improvements Project, aimed to remedy significant flooding issues in the area north of Piccadilly Street, will begin on Monday, July 29. Street closures and detours will be implemented.

"The primary goal of this project is to alleviate the flooding issues that occur regularly in this area during prolonged periods of wet weather or intense rainfall," stated Perry Eisenach, Public Services Director. "While the first phase of the project will not completely solve all the surface flooding, it will replace the existing stormwater and sanitary sewer pipes with larger pipes. These larger pipes will prevent the sanitary sewer main in Cameron Street from getting overwhelmed and surcharging during prolonged periods of wet weather, like in 2018."

Phase I of the project includes replacing the underground storm drain, as well as water and sewer pipes between Piccadilly and Clark Streets. Future phases of work consisting of constructing stormwater detention ponds and additional underground stormwater piping north and east of this Cameron Street section will be required to solve all of the surface water flooding problems in the area. These stormwater management ponds will hold the water from large storm events and release it slowly, while improving the quality of the stormwater runoff.

In addition to the sanitary sewer and stormwater system improvements that will occur during Phase I of the project, the City will be replacing the existing water main in Cameron Street that is old and in declining condition. Washington Gas will also take this opportunity to replace their natural gas pipe in Cameron Street.

Traffic Impacts

Due to the significant amount of work that will be completed, traffic impacts on Cameron Street will be expected. Beginning on Monday, July 29, traffic will be reduced to one northbound lane on Cameron Street between Piccadilly and Clark Streets. A detour for southbound Route 11 and Route 522 traffic will be routed to S. Loudoun, right on Wyck, left on Braddock, and left on Cork to Cameron Street. The intersection of Piccadilly Street at Cameron will be closed for sanitary sewer work on Saturday, August 3. Northbound traffic on Cameron Street will be allowed access through the intersection, but Piccadilly Street traffic will be blocked.

"We understand that this project will have an impact on local residents and businesses, and we will strive to minimize these impacts as much as possible," added Mr. Eisenach. "Sidewalk access to the front door of every business will be maintained during normal business hours."

More Information

More information and project updates will be available on the City's website at www.winchesterva.gov/north-cameron-drainage-improvement-project or by clicking the project link on the City's Projects web page (www.winchesterva.gov/current-city-projects).

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