

Downtown Master Utility Project

Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project Newsletter

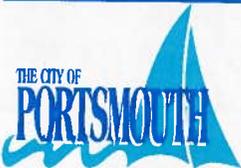
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The City of Portsmouth's Department of Public Utilities will soon begin construction of the Downtown Master Utility Project. The project was awarded to Gaston Brothers Utilities, LLC. This will be the first of several newsletters we will send you throughout the project to keep you updated on the work and what will be happening in the coming months. We hope the following information will help answer your most frequently asked questions.

What type of work will be completed in this project?

The project involves the installation of new sewer and water lines throughout the project area (see map on back). In addition, storm drains will be replaced or rehabilitated. In general, new curbs, gutters and paving are part of the construction. As part of this work, the contractor will be performing a pre-condition survey. This work will consist of photographing and/or videotaping the exterior of your property.

What can residents and businesses expect during construction?

Construction is anticipated to start the beginning of January 2013 in Phases 1 and 10. The phases are scheduled for approximately 2 to 4 months, respectively. In general, the working hours in these areas are from 7:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. However, work at the intersection of County Street and Effingham Street will occur over a period of several weekends.

Because much of the work will be in the streets, you can expect some traffic delays and detours during construction. Because of the extensive nature of this construction work, streets and intersections in each phase will be closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of construction in that phase. Once all work is complete, streets will reopen to traffic.

Normal street parking will not be available in a block that is closed for construction.

When roads are closed to vehicular traffic, bulk garbage pick up will not be available, but regular trash pick up, mail delivery, and emergency services will be maintained. There may be brief periods when water and sewer service is turned off in order to test new lines or switch your service to the new system. You will be notified in advance when service will be interrupted.

You will continue to have pedestrian access to your property throughout construction although there may be brief blockages while work takes place directly in front of your property. The closures will occur as part of a phased process, and no two major corridors will be closed at the same time. All work in a phase will be completed to allow restoration of vehicular access prior to moving to another project phase area.

We ask for your patience during this project. The City will have full-time inspection throughout the construction period to ensure the work is done efficiently and disruptions are kept to a minimum. Should you have any questions during construction, you may contact the following individuals:

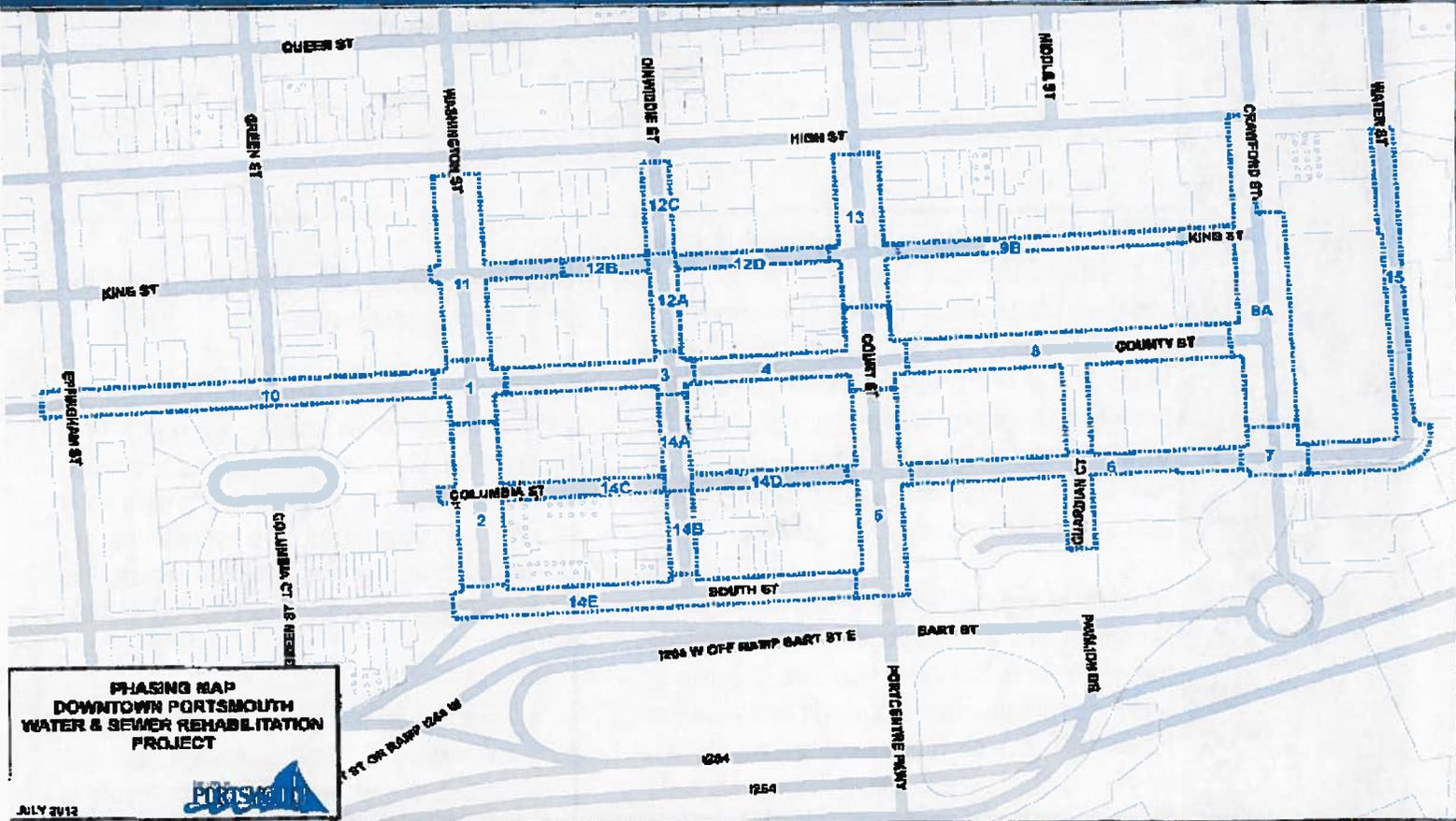
~ General Questions about the Project?

Contact Andy Snyder, Draper Aden Associates at (757) 599-9800.

~ Specific Questions/Problems with Work at your Property?

Contact Paul Bagdon, RISE Inc. at (757) 469-9552.

Construction Phasing Map



Preliminary Phasing Schedule

Construction Phase	Preliminary Start Date	Approximate Construction Duration
Phase 1	January 2013	1 Month
Phase 2	March 2013	2.5 Months
Phase 3	April 2013	2 Months
Phase 4	May 2013	2 Months
Phase 5	June 2013	3 Months
Phase 6	August 2013	2 Months
Phase 7	September 2013	1 Month
Phase 8	October 2013	2 Months
Phase 9 [A through B]	October 2013	2 Months
Phase 10	January 2013	1.5 Months
Phase 11	December 2013	1.5 Months
Phase 12 [A through D]	December 2013	3 Months
Phase 13	March 2014	1 Month
Phase 14 [A through E]	March 2014	5 Months
Phase 15	April 2014	2 Months