

FALMOUTH ROUTE ONE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

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The following information reflects what you're likely to see on Route One in Falmouth in the upcoming seven days. Please note that this is a projection based on the best available information at the time that it was sent and is subject to change due to weather and other variables.

WORK HOURS:

Work in the Route One Infrastructure Project zone for the remainder of this week and into next will begin at approximately 6:00 a.m. and last until approximately 6:00 p.m. Some paving operations may start slightly earlier and/or last slightly later. Crews expect to work a normal schedule on Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day).

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

There's still a lot going on in the Route One work zone – and much more to come before the project is buttoned up for the winter. Much of the work you'll see along the corridor in the next few weeks is of smaller scope than what we've seen in the past months – every bit as important, to be sure, but generally carrying a smaller footprint, and less disruptive to traffic.

The most readily visible work this week will involve paving. In the past week, you probably noticed a LOT of paving work going on, such as cross-trenches and driveway entrances. Look for more of that in coming days – especially major sidewalk paving on the west side.

WORK CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

As of Tuesday, October 7, crews were working on – or have completed – the following:

- Continued installation of traffic signal wiring
- Installation of transformer pads
- Installation of bases for pedestrian and street lighting
- A duct bank tie-in near Starbuck's
- Raising the entrances of numerous manhole entrances to finish grade
- Box-cutting and prep at a number of driveways/entrances along the corridor
- Grading for sidewalk paving
- Installation of several permanent power poles just south of F.O. Bailey's (across Route One from Waldo's). These poles will serve as the "drops" for utilities continuing underground through the duct bank, north past the Foreside Tavern.

WORK YOU'RE LIKELY TO SEE IN THE UPCOMING SEVEN DAYS:

- Continued raising of manhole entrances to finish grade.
- Paving! In addition to continuing the paving of driveway entrances, you may expect to see a LENGTHY stretch of the west side sidewalk receive its base coat of pavement. The primary focus will be from Clearwater Drive north, possibly reaching as far as Starbuck's. Paving is also expected to include some unfinished sections down near Waldo's and Falmouth Physical

Therapy. A handful of areas will remain unpaved in the short term – notably ramps down to driveway grade and a small number of locations where infrastructure installation has yet to occur. Crews expect paving of those areas to occur before the closure of the project for the winter. Much of this paving work is currently slated for Thursday and Friday of this week.

- You can expect to see extensive preparatory work on sidewalks on the east side of Route One. This work is scheduled to start on Wednesday. Shortly after initial grading by Sargent Corporation, Moulison North will install conduit for street and pedestrian lighting. Sargent will then install gravel in preparation for paving.
- Continued installation of transformer bases and bases for street and pedestrian lighting.
- Installation of bases for traffic signals. While the street and pedestrian light pole bases are fairly small (these bases are pre-cast and can be lifted into holes cut with a small backhoe or auger), the traffic signal bases are much larger and must be poured in place. This will require more significant excavation – and, as mentioned, concrete pours. There will be four of these at each of the three major intersections in the work zone. This work is slated to begin Monday.
- Installation of permanent power poles on side streets: Clearwater Driver, west of Route One; Fundy Road, to the east of Route One; both sides of Depot Road; and Bucknam Road, to the west of the project zone and at the northern terminus of the duct bank, across Route One from the Foreside Tavern. These poles will ultimately return utilities from the duct bank to overhead service outside of the project zone. Completion of this work is expected no later than Thursday of this week.
- A small amount of grading work remains to be done on the southwest side of the Bucknam Road/Route One intersection, near the Irving convenience store. This work is behind the curb line and two-way traffic will be maintained.

For planning purposes, please note that crews contracted by Summit Natural Gas expect to return to the work zone later next week or early the week following, in order to continue installation of the gas main on the east side of Route One. The work will start at Depot Road and proceed south.

PHOTOGRAPHS:



In these images – taken across the street from Waldo’s and just south of F. O. Bailey Antiquarians – we see a crew from On Target (contracted by CMP) in the process of installing several permanent utility poles. Electrical and data service will “drop” from these poles, and feed the underground duct bank that will provide services to the majority of businesses in the project zone.



The first image is in front of the Walmart plaza, just south of Wendy's, and is a typical representation of what sidewalk preparation looks like. A small grader is carefully distributing gravel as crews on the ground carefully check elevations. Once the gravel is in place, a small rolling compactor machine compresses the gravel to final density in anticipation of paving later this week. The pavement will be done in several lifts; after that, curbs will be installed and additional fill will be added to approach finish grade.