

FALMOUTH ROUTE ONE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Construction Update #31 – November 25, 2014

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 4:30 p.m. Some paving operations may start slightly earlier and/or last slightly later. No work is scheduled for Thursday (Thanksgiving Day). Depending upon weather, crews from Sargent Corporation and Moulison North (and associated subcontractors) may work on Friday of this week.

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

The focus for Moulison North is preparing the work zone for installation of utilities cabling. This involves finishing risers at the edges of the project zone (risers protect electrical and telecommunications cabling as they make the transition from aerial to underground transmission).

In doing so, Moulison crews are cleaning and pumping out manholes, installing cable racks in the structures and blowing messenger lines through the buried conduits so that utility companies can pull their wires.

Sargent Corporation and two subcontractors are busy re-installing curb, grading areas between curb and sidewalks (finish grading will occur next year, when loam is installed) and finishing up sidewalks, ramps and paving.

A small percentage of sidewalks along the corridor will not be installed this season, due to the presence of utility poles and other obstacles.

We've received word that telecommunications companies – including Time Warner, Oxford Networks and Fairpoint – plan to start pulling their cables shortly. Time Warner and Oxford networks lines are tentatively expected to be in place by the end of December. Fairpoint's scheduling is still tentative due to its labor dispute. We're awaiting schedules from CMP.

Crews from Moulison North are likely to install tie-ins from the duct bank to some businesses along the corridor in the next month, but the majority of this work will begin in the spring. Moulison will contact individual business owners directly for scheduling purposes.

WORK CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

As of Tuesday, November 25, crews were working on – or have completed – the following:

- Moulison North continues working on risers and should complete all risers up to Bucknam Road this week.
- Moulison is finishing up preparation of manholes, in preparation for an anticipated start of cable pulling later next week. Most of this activity will occur off the travel surface.

- Sargent and its subcontractors have largely completed west side curbing from Walmart up to the Irving Convenience Store, and have been engaged in grading for sidewalk sections (permanent where possible, temporary in some sections).
- Sargent has been grading areas between the curb and sidewalks, leaving room for loam.
- Tactile warning strips are now in place at all relevant crossings.
- All stormwater runoff frames and covers have been installed, including cascading covers where bicycle traffic is expected.
- Sargent crews also relocated a fire hydrant on the east side near Morong.

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

- Curbing will continue. Curbing around the islands at the Bucknam Road intersection is currently underway and should be complete by Wednesday afternoon. You may expect heavier than normal traffic at the Bucknam Road intersection while this occurs. Flaggers are there to assist.
- Continued curbing next week – as many as four days of curbing work are anticipated. Associated paving work will continue.
- Risers for utilities will be completed.
- Please note that some areas of sidewalk, especially on the east side, will not receive a second layer of asphalt before paving operations cease. Crews will be shimming around manholes in these sidewalk areas to facilitate snow removal.

PHOTOGRAPHS:



Curbstone installation is a major focus along the Route One corridor right now. Here, we see a crew installing curbing on the east side of Route One, in front of Morong.



Here, we're looking south from the vicinity of the Irving Convenience Store on the west side of Route One. Notice the freshly-replaced curbstone, which is now set into hardened concrete. This crew is backfilling the area between the curb and the sidewalk.



There's a lot more going on here than meets the eye! This view looks north from in front of Wendy's. The primary duct bank runs directly underneath the pavement. Some other features: 1) is an electrical access junction from the duct bank; 2) is a stormwater runoff drain; 3) is the base for a pedestrian lighting fixture; 4) is a base for street lighting; and 5) is a tactile warning strip associated with a new crosswalk. At 6), you'll notice that the grade of the gravel is about two inches below the grade of the pavement. This provides space for the installation of loam in the spring, after which grass will be planted. Crews plan to mulch this area with hay before the snow falls in earnest.