



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Eversource Gas Construction

River Street / Blackstone Street / Laurel Street

Dear River Street Neighbor:

Eversource Gas will be performing gas main replacement and realignment **beginning on or about June 22, 2020**. This work is being performed in advance of the City's **River Street Reconstruction Project**, which is currently in the design and community engagement phase, with construction expected to commence in 2021.

The purpose of this work is to ensure that the gas infrastructure along River Street and the adjacent neighborhood will be in good condition for years to come, and includes:

- Replacement and/or retirement of existing obsolete gas mains in River, Blackstone and Laurel Streets, portions of which are now more than 100 years old.
- Replacement of those abutting gas services which consist of older pipe materials.

The approximate limits of the Eversource work are as follows:

- River Street between Blackstone and Green Streets
- Blackstone Street between River Street and Western Avenue
- Laurel Street between River and Pleasant Streets

The work will be performed in phases, with approximately 50 to 150 feet of gas main under construction at any one time, and is expected to be completed in early 2021, before the start of the City's River Street project.

What to expect during this construction:

- Work will occur during normal weekday hours of 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Traffic and bicycle access will be maintained on River Street, although there will be lane reductions during working hours.
- Traffic will be maintained on Blackstone and Laurel streets, although the narrow width of Laurel Street may require limiting vehicle access to abutters at certain times.
- Pedestrian access and access to abutting properties will be maintained. Pedestrians should please follow posted signs which may direct them onto temporary walkways at times. All temporary walkways will be ADA accessible.

Parking and Loading

- On-street parking spaces will be impacted during this work. The exact number and location of the impacted spaces is related to the actual size and location of the work zone, and the associated traffic lane shifts, and will change as the work progresses. Drivers should pay careful attention to parking restrictions, which will be posted at least 24 hours in advance.
- Eversource and the City will work with individual businesses to accommodate loading requirements during construction.

June 16, 2020

Eversource Customer Information

If your home or business is located directly on the subject streets, you will receive a separate letter from Eversource with additional details on temporary impacts to your gas service, replacement of customer gas service pipes and meters, how to obtain new gas service, and similar related matters.

For Information and Assistance During Construction

This work is being performed by Eversource Gas and their contractors, and will be under the direct supervision of Eversource. Please refer to the letter you will receive from Eversource for contact information for the Eversource Construction Supervisor.

Cambridge DPW staff will also be on-site during this work and will be available to respond to questions and concerns.

In addition, if you have general questions or concerns about this work or the River Street project in general, you may contact Kate Riley, DPW Community Relations Manager at (617) 349-4870 or kriley@cambridgema.gov. More information about the project in general, can be found at CambridgeMA.gov/RiverStreet

In case of a construction emergency, please call the Cambridge Public Works Department 24-hour hotline at 617-349-4800.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this construction.

Sincerely,
Kate Riley
Community Relations Manager

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