

WESTERN AVENUE – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

During the months of March and April 2013, the City’s Contractor, D’Alessandro Corp., has made great progress on the Western Avenue Reconstruction Project. Below is an overview of the work.

Status of Work

- The installation of the 36” drain line on Memorial Drive, that will connect from the Charles River outfall to Western Avenue has been completed. The next phase, which is currently in progress, includes the installation of the drain line down Western Avenue from Memorial Drive towards Central Square.
- During the installation of the 36” drain line, traffic on Western Avenue will be impacted. The impacts on traffic will be reduced as crews work further away from the Memorial Drive intersection.
- Beginning Thursday, April 25, 2013, the contractor will be installing two large diameter manholes and 4 catch basins, and also continuing with the installation of the 36” drain line on Western Avenue in the vicinity of Blackstone Street. Due to the size and location of the structures, this work will impact access to and from Blackstone Street for the next 6 – 8 weeks. During general working hours (Monday thru Friday 7am-4pm), Blackstone Street residents and employees will only be able to enter and exit Blackstone Street from River Street. During non-working hours, residents and employees will be able to enter Blackstone Street at Western Avenue, but will not be able to exit Blackstone Street at Western Avenue.
- Catch basin work on Putnam Avenue between Western Ave and Callender Street is complete.
- The new 12” water main was completed on Western Avenue from Putnam Avenue to Howard Street.
- The contractor is currently installing
 - water service tie-ins from Gilmore Street to Howard Street.
 - manholes and other drainage structures along the Avenue.
- Construction will continue for approximately two years.



Other Construction Projects in the Area

Construction of the new Martin Luther King Jr. School on Putnam Ave is already underway. The City’s contractor has already mobilized and their initial activities will include setting up site fencing, removing some site obstructions for delivery of trailers for the contractor and the City, delivery and setup of these trailers, and interior demolition of the existing building. The construction of this new school is not related to the current Western Avenue Reconstruction Project. To view updates and more information on this project please visit www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager/mlkjrconstruction.