

WESTERN AVENUE – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

During the months of June and July, the City's Contractor, D'Allessandro Corp., continued to make great progress on the Western Avenue Reconstruction Project, including:

- Completing water main work on Western Ave from Memorial Drive to Pleasant Street.
- Completing the installation of the new 36" drain line from Memorial Drive all the way to Dodge Street.
- Restoration of the landscaping at the Charles River outfall on Memorial Drive.
- Installation of new catch basins on the north side of Western Ave.



Upcoming & Current Construction:

- Beginning the week of July 29, crews will begin to reconstruct the sidewalks on the north side of Western Ave (Hoyt Field side) between Blackstone Street and Montague Street. While crews are performing sidewalk work, proper signage will be visible to help pedestrians travel around the work zone.
- Starting in mid-August, sewer and drain work is expected to start in the Soden Street area and progress towards Central Square.
- Installation of the 36" drain line at Dodge Street. Given the large nature of the new pipe and extensive utilities in the corridor, work will be disruptive and traffic management plans will vary daily. Please pay close attention to signage in the area of this work. Police details will be on site.
- The contractor is also:
 - installing water service tie-ins at Western Avenue and Jay Street.
 - Installing manholes and other drainage structures along the Avenue.
 - paving temporary asphalt patches over the excavated areas where water mains and drain lines were installed.

Other Construction Projects in the Area

Construction of the new Martin Luther King Jr. School on Putnam Ave. is underway. 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. Visit www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager/mlkjrconstruction for updates and more information.

Harvard University continues to conduct repairs to its steam tunnel, which is located on Western Ave. near the Memorial Dr. intersection. Weather permitting, this work is expected to be completed at the end of August 2013. Repairs to the tunnel may have an impact on traffic on Western Ave. near the Memorial Dr. intersection. Police details will be onsite to assist with traffic management.