

WESTERN AVENUE – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Over the past couple of months, the City’s Contractor, D’Alessandro Corp., made good progress on the Western Avenue Reconstruction Project, including:

- Completing curb repairs and temporary road paving on Memorial Drive, to improve conditions for motorists where the 36” drain line was installed.
- Completing additional drainage structures on Blackstone St. and at the intersection of Blackstone St. and Western Ave.
- Mobilizing to the intersection of Putnam Ave. and Western Ave. to begin sewer work.

On May 28th, DPW held a community cookout for the Western Ave. neighborhood, where over 250 residents were able to meet staff and to learn more about the project.

Current Construction:

- Installation of the 36” drain line continues at Putnam Ave.
 - Given large nature of the new pipe and number of other 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.
 - manholes and other drainage structures along the Avenue.



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. The construction of this new school is not related to the current Western Avenue Reconstruction Project. Visit www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager/mlkjrshoolconstruction for updates and more information.

In June 2013, Harvard University will begin conducting repairs to its steam tunnel, which is located on Western Ave. near the Memorial Dr. intersection. This work is expected to be completed in August 2013. Due to the City’s 7 year moratorium, where roadways cannot be disturbed for at least 7 years after a construction project is complete, repairs need to be completed before the full-depth reconstruction of Western Ave. Repairs to the tunnel are expected to have an impact on traffic on Western Ave. near the Memorial Dr. intersection. Police details will be onsite to assist with traffic management.