



## **STATUS REPORT #1**

### **Water Main Replacement Project – Winter Street**

**To: Residents within the Project Area**  
**From: Holliston Water Division**  
**Date: April 16, 2021**

Dear Residents:

The intent of this notice is to keep you informed regarding the upcoming water main replacement project in Winter Street. A summary of the important information related to this project is as follow:

**A. Scope of Work:**

The existing water main in Winter Street from Ashland Street to Washington Street will be replaced. The Work will include installation of new water main, valves, hydrants, and new water service for each property along Winter Street.

The project will have multiple phases as follow: 1) Installation of main line; 2) Disinfection and testing; 3) Connection of the new main line to existing side street water mains; 4) Installation of new water service lines from the new water main to edge of each property including a new shutoff valve for each house; and 4) Trench pavement and lawn restorations.

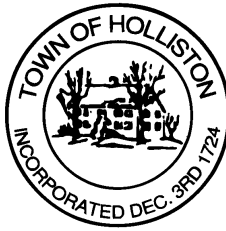
**B. Tentative Schedule:**

We anticipate that construction activities will start on or about Thursday, April 22 and to continue through September 2021. Work hours will be from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be no work on weekends and holidays, with exception of emergencies, if any.

Construction begins from Ashland Street side with a new connection to the existing water pipe in Ashland Street. This task is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, the activities will be limited to mobilization, including but not limited to equipment and pipe deliveries, saw cutting of the main line trench and other related tasks.

**C. Water Service Disruptions:**

It will be necessary to shut off the water to all or limited portion of the neighborhood once or twice during this project. The shut-downs will be planned with advance notice and for limited durations. It is the intent of this project to avoid unplanned shut-downs, to the extent possible. However, there may be emergency shut-downs due to unforeseen construction related issues. We suggest that you consider storing some water for essential use during planned shut-downs and for unforeseen emergency shutdowns, if any. In case of any water shut-downs, we suggest that you run one of your exterior hose bibbs for about 2-3 minutes for the water to clear.



Once the main line is installed, flushed, disinfected and tested, a new water service will be installed for your property. A new shutoff valve will replace the existing valve and will be located on or close to the edge of your property. The Contractor will need to shut off water service to each house for about 2 to 3 hours to connect each property to the new water main. The water service interruption for this purpose will be limited to one property at a time and will not affect the entire neighborhood. You will be notified the day before your water service is to be replaced. This work will be limited to edge of your property. Disturbed lawn areas, if any, will be restored by the Contractor before project completion.

**D. Traffic Disruptions:**

The work will begin at Ashland Street and will move along Winter Street toward Washington Street. The intent is to close Winter Street to thru traffic and to detour the traffic around. Residents will be able to access their properties throughout construction. However, depending upon the location of active construction zone, the access to each property may be limited from Washington Street or Ashland Street. Please plan accordingly by using alternate routes to avoid the active construction zone.

Heavy construction activities will be in front of each property for a day for main line installation, and for another day when connecting your new water service. This will limit access to each driveway for a few hours till active construction passes your property. If you plan to use your vehicle that day, we ask that you move it to either side of the active construction area for a few hours. The crew will notify you before excavating in front of your driveway so you can move your vehicles.

Emergency departments, postal service, trash and recycling collection trucks will be able to access Winter Street. If there are any special needs or circumstances, we ask that you notify the construction crew in advance so they can plan accordingly to accommodate.

**E. School Buses:**

We anticipate for the school buses to have access through the active construction zone. However, there will be slight delays associated with the Contractor moving the construction equipment to one side to allow safe passage. We have notified School Department of this project and will continue to coordinate closely to minimize interruptions when the schools are in session.

The construction crew is aware of the need to allow safe access for school buses and pedestrians across active construction zone. There will be Police detail on the project site to facilitate safe access through construction zone. We will monitor and if necessary, will re-evaluate access for school buses in coordination with Police Department and School Transportation Department.

**F. Additional Information:**

We plan to issue updates and deliver water shut-down notices when necessary. We recognize the inconvenience and ask for your patience during this project. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Sean Reese, Director of Public Works at Holliston Water Division (508-429-0603).