

WESTMINSTER AVENUE UTILITY REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Background

The existing asphalt street, between Station Avenue (County Route No. 656) and the Borough border with Haddon Heights is being replaced as part of the 2008 Road Program. As part of the design process, which began in December 2006, the Borough conducted a video pipe inspection of the sanitary sewer pipes and reviewed the relative age, size and capacity of the existing municipal water main piping beneath the street. Based upon this evaluation, it will be necessary to replace the existing 8 inch diameter clay sanitary sewer, with a new 8 inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (often referred to as just "PVC") sewer main along the length of Westminster Avenue. As part of the new sanitary sewer replacement each house laterals will be replaced from the new sanitary sewer main to approximately the curb line, where a new "clean-out" will be installed. Each homeowner is reminded that they are still responsible for sewer lateral from their house to the newly installed cleanout; however, a construction project such as this one is always a good time to think about having your plumber (or other qualified contractor) replace the remaining older piping.

Additionally, the existing roadway has had several reported drainage issues at the intersection of Westminster and Marquis Road. This "problem area" will be removed by extending the existing storm sewer piping from the intersection of Marquis Road and Queensborough Lane along portions of Marquis Road to Westminster. Also, the project will include extending the existing storm sewer system from Station Avenue approximately 400 feet along Westminster Avenue. The purpose of these storm sewer extensions will be to improve the reported drainage issues, improve the existing gutter flow along the relatively flat portion of Westminster Avenue (between Marquis Road and Station Avenue) and to provide a location for residents to connect their sump pump discharges in the future.

The roadway reconstruction work will include the complete removal of the existing pavement and the replacement of all substandard concrete curbing and driveway aprons. New handicap accessible curb ramps will be installed at each intersection, including those currently without sidewalks. The purpose of this is to limit the disturbance to the new roadway if sidewalks are installed either by the Borough or by current and/or future property owners.

During the design process, the Borough contacted PSE&G to discuss the feasibility of replacing the old gas main piping beneath the roadway. Based upon discussions with PSE&G, they declined to replace the gas main and the house services (smaller diameter gas piping that connects each house to the gas main in the roadway) before the asphalt roadway was replaced.