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### **Utility Construction Work To Begin Around Portsmouth City Hall**

The City of Portsmouth announces that the next phases of the Downtown Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project, the Downtown Master Utility Plan, will be in the vicinity of City Hall and the Portsmouth City Jail.

Beginning Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the project, which is replacing water and sewer lines throughout the downtown project area, will start on Columbia Street between City Hall and the Portsmouth City Jail. During the construction, which is expected to be completed in early August, vehicular and pedestrian traffic access will continue to be maintained to City Hall, the Portsmouth City Jail, and both entrances to the City Hall Parking Garage.

The 24-hour night depository/drop box on Columbia Street, which is used for making payments to the City Treasurer, the Commissioner of the Revenue, and Public Utilities, will be temporarily relocated during the construction. The temporary location will be outside of the entrance to the City Hall Parking Garage at Crawford Circle. For customer convenience, an additional 24-hour night depository/drop box is located at the City Treasurer's Churchland Branch Office located at 4934 High Street West.

Following the phase above, the project will move to the intersection of Crawford Street and Columbia Street. This phase will begin in early August and is expected to be completed in early September. The contractor will be working 24 hours each day, the intersection will be closed to traffic, and detours will be in place. Access will be maintained to City Hall, the Portsmouth City Jail, and to both entrances to the City Hall Parking Garage.

Currently, the Downtown Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project is under construction at Columbia Street between Court Street and Crawford Street. This phase is expected to be completed in early September.

For more information about the Downtown Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project, please visit <http://www.portsmouthva.gov/publicutil/downtown-master-utility-plan.aspx> or call the Department of Public Utilities at 393-8691.

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