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MEMO

To: The Community
From: Town Manager
Date: November 8, 2024

Re: Week 11 Project Update

Construction Progress

We were close to getting the lot fully paved this week! The asphalt plant had some difficulties on Thursday which set the paving crew behind a day and meant the remaining portion of the lot was not paved today.



Figure 1: Paving progress photo after work was completed on Monday 11/11

The crew worked hard this week to move us even closer to the finish line this fall. This past Monday, the paving crew was able to get a portion of the lot paved behind Reny's. On Tuesday, the crew had installed a sewer manhole for the Great Salt Bay Sanitary district that was determined to need replacement. This was identified now to avoid the need to do so in the near future, after the project was complete. Paving crews came back on Wednesday to pave from the west side of Y-Knot to Water St, including the section of Water St that was previously stripped. The remainder of the work week was dedicated to grading the west end of the lot to prepare for asphalt, which took a bit longer than originally estimated, but things are in a great place to finish out.

Big tides with the full moon are testing the system. The check valves installed on the outfalls will be monitored to ensure they are functioning properly and what would have previously flooded the lot will not do so anymore. Tomorrow's tide is projected to be 11'8", fortunately there is no major storms with wind and tidal action that accompany this tide cycle, so we should be high and dry.



Figure 2: New outfall nearly two hours before high tide on 11/15

Parking and Traffic Impacts

The construction crew continues to seek to provide as much parking as possible while staying on task. The east end of the lot was mostly closed this week as the crew graded and prepped for asphalt work.

Traffic flow and parking is largely restored for the weekend, though be mindful of the temporary parking locations that are marked out. Please only park in designated spaces so vehicles are not trapped in the lot unnecessarily.

What to expect in the week ahead...

- Thankfully, the weather is holding out for work to continue.
- Monday – Expect paving on the west end of the parking lot. Expect no access from Main St while this is underway. Freight/Delivery drivers will be able to access the lot from Water St, but should check with crew members before driving on the east end of the lot.

- Tuesday – Temporary striping for the winter will occur. The plan is to follow the original parking layout. This will require the full use of the lot, though we have asked that the crew start as early as possible and aim to finish before the lunch hours.
- The remainder of next week will include cleanup around the site and interruptions will be negligible. We expect the crew to be complete with fall work by the end of next week.
- Get out and stroll Main St. Support the local businesses!

Be sure to sign up for notifications through our [CivicReady](#) platform. For those interested in the App, instructions are included when setting up your account. Project updates will be sent to those who have signed up to receive 'Parking Lot Project' notices.



Please reach out to me via [email](#) if you have any questions and thank you for your continued patience throughout this project!