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Main Street 16' Gas Main Project

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Upcoming Work Week of: May 12th thru May 16th

Expected Location: Main Street between Linwood Avenue and just east of Anderson Avenue

In an effort to keep our community informed of the changing traffic conditions on Main Street the Fort Lee Police Department will be providing weekly construction updates. The Gas Main Project is currently underway. The Force Main Sewer Project has not been started. Traffic patterns are subject to change based on the work being performed.

A construction company for PSE&G is currently on Main Street at the intersection of Anderson Avenue installing a gas line. Due to amount of utilities in the roadway under the eastbound lanes, the construction was forced to dig around it into the westbound lanes and will dig back into the eastbound lanes after the intersection. The foreman advised they can dig anywhere from 10 feet to 80 feet a day depending on the rock they hit which is time consuming to dig through. At this point, they have hit rock in the westbound lanes and are working hard to get through it. It is very difficult to estimate the time it will take to get back in the eastbound lanes.

The Fort Lee Police Department and the construction company are currently working together to keep traffic moving on Main Street with one open lane and alternating traffic from both directions. We are attempting, by all possible means, to not close Main Street as we understand the impact it causes Fort Lee residents and businesses. However, due to the size of the machine that attaches these large pipes together, it might be necessary to close Main Street at times for the safety of motorists and workers on site. If Main Street is closed, the following marked detours will be in place:

- Main Street eastbound will be detoured north to Fletcher Avenue to eastbound Bruce Reynolds Boulevard to southbound Lemoine Avenue back to Main Street.
- Main Street westbound will be detoured south on Anderson Avenue to westbound North Avenue to northbound John Street back to Main Street.
- Linwood Avenue will be detoured south on William Street to eastbound Ann Street back to Anderson Avenue.

- William Street will be detoured to westbound Main Street to Fletcher Avenue

When the construction company is ready to attach the Gas Main at the intersection of Anderson Avenue next week, Main Street may need to be closed and the above detours implemented. If closed, we will attempt to have Main Street closed for the shortest time possible. If Main Street is closed, we will attempt to reach out to residents and businesses via several social media sites listed below.

On another road closure topic: the construction work in the intersection of Bruce Reynolds Boulevard and Park Avenue has been completed earlier than expected and the roadway has been opened to its normal traffic flow.

We would like to thank everyone in advance for their patience while this necessary work is being conducted.

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FortLeePoliceNJ>

Swift Reach: <http://portalv4.swiftreach.com/Portal.aspx?c=200092&l=265095>

Nixle: <http://local.nixle.com/register/>

All of these links can also be found on our website: <http://fortleepolice.org/>

Thank you,

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