

ALLEN STREET and MT. EDWARD ROAD INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT TO ROUNDABOUT

April 2010 Update

The City of Charlottetown is preparing for the upcoming construction season including significant work to redesign the Allen / Mt Edward intersection to a roundabout configuration. Preparatory work had been undertaken in late 2009 to address upgrades to most of the sanitary and potable water systems as required. Also work has been undertaken in relocating some of the other above ground utilities, poles and signs.

Tender for the final stage of street & intersection reconstruction closed in late March and was awarded at the April 12th Council meeting to Birt & MacKay Backhoe Services Ltd.

Site activity is planned to begin April 26th with the anticipated date of substantial completion for the project being early July.

Primary components in this final phase of construction will include new storm drainage pipe from the intersection area to outfall at the storm system along the Confederation Trail, addition of sidewalk on the south side of Allen from the Confederation Trail to St Peters Rd, 1.5 meter paved shoulders on both sides of the street in the reconstruction area except between Mt Edward and St Peters road where a narrower public right-of-way will only allow for 0.5 meter paved shoulders, and intersection overhead lighting.

The work itself will involve digging for placement of storm pipe and the full reconstruction of asphalt surfaces radiating out from the intersection; approximately 75m north and south on Mt Edward Rd, Allen St east almost to St Peters Rd, and Allen St west to just beyond the Confederation Trail. Concrete curbing will border most of this construction area and new connecting 1.8m wide sidewalks will be constructed including replacement of all existing sidewalks within the project limits. Pedestrian activated crossing signals will be installed at the Confederation Trail crossing on Allen St.

Scheduling of various work operations and locations will be continually under review given both internal and external influences. Initial plans are to begin on Allen St at the Confederation Trail and place underground storm pipe toward St Peters Rd, backfilling and doing preparation for new asphalt in a progressive manner. Similar work will then be completed on the short length of Mt Edward Rd. Project completion would be placement of all concrete curb, full asphalt resurfacing, final sidewalk construction, and sod reinstatement of disturbed landscape areas.

There will obviously be some traffic delays necessary at times during the project. The City will be working to keep the public informed about access routes to the area businesses and to provide advanced notice of any lane or road closures. To construct the roundabout within the tight confines of the intersection there will need to be full intersection closure to through traffic for 3-4 weeks in mid/late May. More information on this intersection closure will be provided through media and on-site signage leading up to it.

The cooperation and understanding of the public, residents and businesses is greatly appreciated as these road and traffic flow improvements are undertaken.

Contact in regard to this project will be coordinated through:

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