

UNIVERSITY AVENUE WIDENING

BELVEDERE AVE to CAPITAL DR, UPEI / FARMER'S MARKET INTERSECTION, and AREA UPGRADES

July 2010

The City of Charlottetown is into the construction season including significant work to northern end of University Ave and the Belvedere Ave accesses to UPEI and the Farmers Market. A large volume of roadwork is occurring in and around the City area this summer. While no doubt inconvenient for many during the construction, the completed projects will bring significant traffic improvements for the future.

Generally, work on University Ave is to upgrade the section from Belvedere Ave to Buchanan Dr to a 4-lane cross-section with bicycle shoulders and sidewalks on both sides, plus new signals at Enman Cres south. The Belvedere intersection near the Confederation Trail will be realigned as a roundabout.

Currently Island Coastal Services Ltd. is working toward completion of the roundabout by late August. To pour and cure the center concrete-island there will need to be traffic restrictions and a short period of full intersection closure. Access to the Farmers Market on operating days will still be permitted, though the direction of approach and exit may be dictated by work and splitter islands being constructed.

The entire storm sewer system for the roundabout has been completed. The contractor is now grading and after electric utility services have been completed, will start with milling the entire road surface that is being rehabilitated.

This area had been deferred while Allen St was under consecution with the roundabout at Mt Edward Rd, both being significant east-west connectors. With the completion go the Allen St roundabout, Belvedere will now be a focus to complete before the fall semester and harvest season.

On the University Ave side, most of the site services have been installed on both sides of the road with the exception of the storm sewer from Brown's Court to Maritime Christian College and from the low point in the UPEI hollow to Canadian Tire. Work is currently proceeding on the storm sewer between MacKinnon Dr and Brown's Crt.

The general contractor is preparing the roadbed along the east side from A&W to Subway as a sub-contractor from NB will be starting to lay concrete curb and gutter along the entire east side in early July. They will pass through the driveways with the curb and come back and hand form the radii of the driveway entrances upon completion of the entire length of University Ave. They are also installing the concrete electrical light bases and traffic light bases for Brown's

Court. The underground electrical has been completed from Buchanan Drive to Brown's Court with the remaining section from Brown's Court to Subway to follow.

Following the start of curbing, the fencing subcontractor will be preparing for the installation of the guiderail system along the east side of the UPEI hollow. The sidewalk sub-contractor will then begin at the north end in mid July heading south along the east side of the road. The paving will begin between 1-2 weeks after that.

Work will then proceed to the west side of the road with the electrical being installed first followed by preparation of the road bed, curbing, fencing, sidewalk and then paving.

For accesses onto the street, there will be some disturbance to entrances as the curbing machine passes through the driveways. It will be attempted to mitigate the effect of this and as always, businesses in the area remain open.

It is expected that the majority of the University Ave work will be completed by late September. Obviously, construction work is weather dependent and some minor delays may be encountered.

The cooperation and understanding of the public, residents and businesses is greatly appreciated as these road and traffic flow improvements are undertaken. Message board signage around the site and media releases as appropriate will be used to help keep the public informed.

Contact in regard to this project will be coordinated through:

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