



Northeast Boundary Tunnel Project

First Street NW Pumping Station

Construction Sites Newsletter

April 1, 2019

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY | 5000 OVERLOOK AVENUE, SW | WASHINGTON, DC 20032

Greetings,

This newsletter provides an update of the sequence of construction work at the First Street NW Construction Site. We know how impactful this work will be on residents and businesses. Our goal is to help you anticipate the construction work and its impacts for the remainder of 2019.

FSPS Construction Work Sequence

1. Mobilization:

DC Water's contractor for the Northeast Boundary Tunnel (NEBT) is preparing to mobilize at the First Street Pumping Station Construction Site located at the intersection of Thomas Street NW and First Street NW. Mobilization includes installing erosion and sediment control elements and security fencing around the perimeter of the site. [Work will begin on or about April 8, 2019.](#) *This construction site will remain in place for 8 months.*

Impacts—

24-Hour Parking Restrictions:

- Parking will be restricted on the south side of the 100-block of Thomas Street NW between First Street NW and the alley.

Pedestrian Access:

- Pedestrians will be directed to walk on the north side of the 100-block of Thomas Street NW.

2. Median Removal on Rhode Island Avenue NW:

The contractor is preparing to remove portions of the two medians on Rhode Island Avenue NW between North Capitol Street NW and 2nd Street NW. While the construction was scheduled to begin March 11, work was delayed as we worked with the District Department of Transportation and the Urban Forestry Division to further reduce the number of trees removed from the medians while assuring the construction site is safe. When NEBT construction is complete, the medians will be restored and new trees will be planted. Median removal work will be completed in two phases. [Work will begin for Phase 1 on or about April 9, 2019.](#) [Phase 2 work will immediately follow Phase 1.](#)

[Phase 1:](#) The contractor will remove the median on Rhode Island Avenue NW **between 2nd Street NW and First Street NW** to prepare for detours and lane shifts. *Duration—2.5 weeks.*

Impacts—

Travel and Parking Restrictions:

- Traffic on Rhode Island Avenue will be reduced from three lanes to two lanes and 24-hour parking restrictions will be in place:

- **The eastbound side of Rhode Island Avenue NW** between 3rd Street NW and First Street NW.
- **The westbound side of Rhode Island Avenue NW** between North Capitol Street NW and 2nd Street NW.

Phase 2: The contractor will remove the median along Rhode Island Avenue NW **between First Street NW and North Capitol Street.** *Duration—2.5 weeks.*

Impacts—

Travel and Parking Restrictions:

- Traffic on Rhode Island Avenue will be reduced from three lanes to two lanes and 24-hour parking restrictions will be in place:
 - **The Eastbound side of Rhode Island Avenue NW** between 3rd Street NW and First Street NW.
 - **The Westbound side of Rhode Island Avenue NW** between North Capitol Street NW and 2nd Street NW.

3. Jet Grout Plant Installation:

Jet grouting is a construction method for ground improvement or soil stabilization. Crews will set up the jet grout plant and install the required instrumentation to monitor operations. [We will update you when this work is scheduled to begin.](#) *Duration—3 weeks.*

Impacts—

24-Hour Parking Restrictions:

- Parking will be restricted on the westbound side of Rhode Island Avenue NW near the intersection of First Street NW. Parking will also be restricted on First Street NW between Thomas Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW.

4. Jet Grouting:

The contractor will install jet grout columns in the intersection of First Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW. *Duration—8 months.*

Impacts—

Travel and Parking Restrictions:

- Rhode Island Avenue NW between 2nd Street NW and North Capitol Street will be reduced to two lanes of traffic in each direction.
- 24-Hour parking restrictions will be in place on the eastbound and westbound sides of Rhode Island Avenue NW between North Capitol Street and 2nd Street NW.

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Next Tunnel Forum Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

United Planning Organization, 301 Rhode Island

Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001. The construction team will provide updates of construction work and impacts and answer your questions.