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Construction Continues on Commonwealth Avenue Sewer System Improvements

ALEXANDRIA, VA – Alexandria residents and businesses will continue to have safe and reliable sewer operations as the Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA) furthers the modernization of approximately 3,000 feet of the Commonwealth Avenue Sewer this month. Improvements include rehabilitating existing sewer lines and manholes; replacing existing sewer manhole covers and frames; installing a new sewer liner; and repaving and re-striping portions of the roadway surface affected by the construction activities. The project will resume in May and is expected to be complete by the end of June.

During construction, there will be traffic delays and lane closures in the project area. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are encouraged to use alternate routes. However, mass transit providers, including the DASH bus line, Metrobus, Metrorail, Amtrak, Alexandria trolley and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE), as well as school buses, will maintain normal operations. Most work will be done within the roadway and on public property.

Phase 3 of the Commonwealth Avenue Sewer System Improvements Project includes work on Daingerfield Road from King Street to Duke Street and will include the following lane closures and movement restrictions:

- Daingerfield Road – Southbound through traffic will be reduced to one lane from King Street to Dechantal Street.
- Prince Street will be closed from Reinekers Lane to Daingerfield Road and Reinekers Road will be limited to one lane reversible controlled by flaggers. This closure will be limited to one weekend.
- There will be temporary lane closures on Duke Street just east of Daingerfield Road. During these temporary closures, eastbound and westbound traffic will be reduced to single lanes.
- There will be temporary no parking zones on the east side of Daingerfield Road and along Diagonal Road near the Reinekers Lane intersection. Sidewalks will remain open.
- Sidewalk ramps will be installed over the by-pass piping on Duke Street.

Citizens can expect traffic delays and lane closures in the area beginning on Monday, May 11, 2009 until Friday, June 19, 2009.

After more than 50 years of service, the Commonwealth Avenue Sewer is in need of rehabilitation to reduce the possible likelihood of a sewer service interruption. In 1997, ASA began the initial design of the modernization project which is being implemented in five phases and involves sewer improvements from Caton Avenue to the Hooff's Run Junction Chamber. Currently, the project is in its fourth phase, focusing on improvements from Oak Street to Duke Street. The fifth and final phase will involve improvements from Duke Street to Hooff's Run. The estimated construction cost for this phase of the Commonwealth Avenue Sewer System Improvements Project is \$1.4 million.

Throughout the project, ASA will be working closely with its contractor, AM-Liner East, Inc., to minimize the construction's impact on the community; provide updates on projected work; and respond to concerns and questions from the public.

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"This is a critical infrastructure investment for the community and will allow us to continue to protect the public's health and safety, as well as the environment," said Karen Pallansch, Alexandria Sanitation Authority General Manager.

For more detailed information on the entire project, please visit: www.alexsan.com/commonwealthsewer or call the project construction hotline at (703) 549-3383.

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