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# CITY OF BIDDEFORD, MAINE

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Main Street Sewer Separation Project Work to Begin May 4**

BIDDEFORD (April 30, 2020) — Drivers should expect delays as sewer separation work begins on lower Main Street in Biddeford the week of May 4, 2020. All construction will take place on Main Street between Alfred Street and Water Street.

This sewer separation work is required by the Department of Environmental Protection to prevent wastewater from draining into bodies of water during major storm events. When separation work is completed, storm water will discharge directly into receiving water, while wastewater is diverted to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and treated before discharge.

Work will begin on Main Street during the week of May 4. Construction will be completed in sections over a two-month period. The first section will be located near Water Street, and work will progress up Main Street to the intersection of Main and Alfred. The project is expected to be completed by July 15, 2020.

At the beginning of the project, from May 6 through May 8, the Water Street right-turn slip lane that is used to access Saco will be closed as digging begins. Drivers are asked to continue straight on Water Street and take a right turn at the end of the street. Once work on the slip lane is complete, Water Street will reopen and remain fully accessible during the remainder of the project.

One-lane traffic will be allowed through the area during work hours. Flaggers will be on-site to assist with the direction of traffic.

In order to retain as much parking in the area as possible, parking will only be prohibited along the section of the road that is actively under construction. A limited number of fifteen-minute customer parking spaces for curbside pick-up services will also be available within the construction area and will be marked with new signage.

Customers of Woodgrain Barbers who are in need of more extended parking may use two reserved spaces located on the corner of Emery Street and Main Street. Patrons of Dizzy Birds Rotisserie and Lorne Wine can continue to access the private parking lot located adjacent to that building. Access to the Mills will continue to be available at both 2 Main Street and 32 Main Street.

“It is very important to us that access to these businesses is maintained during the construction period, especially in the context of the difficult times that small business owners are currently facing,” said Demers. “We plan to have a staff member available on site to help customers navigate the construction area safely.”

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