



CITY OF PORTLAND
Department of Public Works
Christopher C. Branch, P.E., Director

April 29, 2021

Re: Notice of Proposed Paving and Resulting Street Moratorium Status on Warren Avenue

Dear Property Owner or Public Utility Operator:

Portland Department of Public Works is preparing to pave Warren Avenue from 659 Warren Avenue to 513 Warren Avenue. This work is being done as part of the Warren Avenue Storm Drain Replacement Project and Portland Water District Warren Avenue Water Main Project completed in 2020. The Department of Public Works will place this street segment on its *street excavation moratorium list* after paving is completed. Moratorium street status will impose limits on new excavation permits on the affected streets and result in higher costs for permitted excavations.

This letter is being sent to property owners and public utility operators in the paving project areas. The purpose of this letter is to advise you, other property owners, and utility system operators to complete all planned excavation work in these streets before **July 1, 2021**. The principal types of work that may require excavating in a street include the following. The City is currently in the process of scheduling the final paving which is likely to occur in late July or early August.

- Repair or replacement of sanitary sewer and storm drain building connections.
- Utility connections to serve new or existing buildings. In areas where all utilities are underground, all utility connections (water, sewer, storm drain, gas, power, telephone, cable TV, etc.) could be involved.
- Installation or replacement of natural gas service.
- Installation or replacement of domestic, commercial, or institutional water services
- Installation or replacement of water service for fire protection.
- Repair or replacement of utility system mains.
- Curb and sidewalk work required to create new driveway openings or close old driveway openings.
- Curb and sidewalk work required as part of a City approved site plan or subdivision plan.

Please note that property owners are responsible for their own sewer and storm drain lateral pipes, which extend from their respective buildings to the sewer main or storm drain in the street. If you are unsure of the condition of your building's sewer lateral, please consider contacting a plumber or contractor to assess the condition of your sewer lateral pipe. If you have concerns about other utilities, please contact the relevant utility company or companies directly. The utility companies have been notified about this project with a copy of this letter. They can address requests for new building services and other related operational issues in the project area. Now is the time to make plans to complete your street excavation and repair work before the



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date listed above. Once final paving is completed, a street excavation moratorium will be in effect and street opening (i.e. excavation) permits may be restricted to emergency situations only. If your street excavation and repair work is completed before final paving, the City will waive the pavement restoration fee associated with the street opening permit. Please note that, if you have to excavate in a street during the excavation moratorium period, which runs for five years after final paving, your permitting cost will be much greater than it would be if the work were completed before final paving.

PLEASE CHECK CITY WEBSITE FOR NOTIFICATIONS ON MILLING AND/OR PAVING DATES
<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/2631/Warren-Avenue-Storm-Drain-Replacement-Pr>

This project will be managed by The Portland Department of Public Works. City staff will monitor progress on this project. Please let us know if you have any questions, special needs or scheduling concerns regarding this project. You can contact Justin Pellerin at (jrp@portlandmaine.gov) or by telephone (874-8828).

Sincerely,

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