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Construction Update Cedar Street Pervious Pavement Installation June 28, 2023

Work began on June 19th along Cedar Street by the Town of Beaufort's contractor, Sunland Builders, Inc. and has been proceeding at a sound pace. The work of demolishing and removing the parking lane asphalt on both sides of the street between Turner and Craven Streets followed by placement of underdrain piping and drainage media is nearing completion. As such, the placement of pervious concrete within the block is slated to begin during the week of July 3rd.

While the construction of the new pervious pavement parking lanes from Turner Street to Pollock Street was initially slated to be performed on a block-by-block basis, current scheduling will see pavement demolition work beginning between Craven and Queen Streets while concrete placement within the Turner Street to Craven Street block is underway. This means that the contractor anticipates there being a two-week period during which the two blocks will be simultaneously closed. Thereafter, the Turner-to-Craven block is expected to be opened to traffic while closure of the Craven-to-Queen block to non-local traffic is anticipated to continue for an additional two weeks.

Sunland Builders will continue to maintain driveway access within the work zones; however, there may be a few times when a given driveway needs to be closed for a short period. Each driveway will also need to be closed for about three days so that the pervious concrete can cure (i.e., harden).

The permeable pavement project is being jointly funded by the North Carolina Division of Water Resources, the Coastal Federation, and the Town. The pavement is intended to complement the bioswales recently constructed by the N.C. Department of Transportation at many of the intersections along Cedar Street. The permeable pavement should reduce the runoff directed to the bioswales, helping them to be more efficient at filtering pollutants particularly during smaller rainstorms. Together, the bioswales and permeable pavement are viewed as a step towards the Town's goal of watershed restoration.

The bioswale and permeable pavement projects are only a part of the larger effort to rehabilitate Cedar Street. Other work already completed has included the replacement of the water and storm water piping beneath the street as well as lining of much of the below ground sanitary sewer lines. The rehabilitation efforts will conclude with the repaving of the street by the N.C. Department of Transportation. The Department's repaving effort is currently scheduled to occur in the Fall.

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