

**Notice to Neighbors**  
**April 1, 2016**

## Independence Boulevard Force Main Improvement

In cooperation with the City of Virginia Beach, HRSD, your regional wastewater treatment utility, is undertaking project to install a valve on an existing force main along Independence Boulevard between the Pembroke Boulevard intersection and North Hessian Road. This effort to improve our system will protect public health and area waterways by providing the ability to isolate and divert wastewater flows. The answers to some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are provided on the back of this notice.

### Project Overview

The project is located along Independence Boulevard, between Pembroke Boulevard and North Hessian Road. The work will be contained within the center median. The contractor will utilize parking within the city's right of way along Pembroke Lake Circle (see map below).



### Project Schedule

**Construction:**  
Construction is anticipated from April – Summer 2016

**Restoration:**  
Immediately following construction

Thank you for your support of this effort to help achieve HRSD's vision: ***Future generations will inherit clean waterways and be able to keep them clean.***

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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#### *Why is this project necessary?*

**A.** This project will install a valve on the existing sanitary sewer pipeline to provide the ability to isolate wastewater flows and enhance the operational flexibility. This project will provide updated infrastructure that will help ensure HRSD's ability to protect public health and the environment for decades to come.

#### *What is the proposed project site?*

**A.** The project work will occur along Independence Boulevard between Pembroke Boulevard and North Hessian Road. Staging of materials and construction equipment will be contained within the median. The contractor will park vehicles and equipment along the city property located on Pembroke Lake Circle.

#### *When will construction start and how long will it take?*

**A.** Construction is expected to begin in April 2016 and should be completed by summer 2016. Every effort will be made to expedite construction activities safely and minimize inconvenience to the surrounding community.

#### *How will the project affect traffic?*

**A.** Temporary lane closures adjacent to the work site needed to install concrete barriers and move equipment will be limited to night-time hours. All other work will be contained to the center median and, therefore, should have very limited impact on traffic.

#### *Will access to business or residences be cut off at any time?*

**A.** No. Access will be maintained at all times for businesses and residences, as well as for city and emergency services.

#### *What noise and dust impacts are anticipated?*

**A.** As with any construction project, routine noise generated by the operation of heavy equipment is anticipated. The contractor will be required to keep the roadways free of dirt and other debris, and to apply water to the site as needed to minimize dust.

#### *What will be the general working hours for the project?*

**A.** Limited night-time operations are anticipated from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for installation and removal of concrete traffic barriers. A majority of the work is expected to take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional weekend and night work may be required due to inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances.

#### *Will any trees or landscaping be removed for this project?*

**A.** Yes. Disturbing as little of the existing landscape as possible was one of the design goals. It will be necessary to remove six trees; however, HRSD will pay the City of Virginia Beach for these trees. The city will determine what is to be planted and where.

#### *How much will it cost?*

**A.** The estimated cost of construction for the project is \$600,000, which is financed by the wastewater treatment fees paid by HRSD customers; the City of Virginia Beach is not contributing funds.

#### *How can I receive regular project updates?*

**A.** Regular project updates will be posted on the HRSD website, [www.hrsd.com](http://www.hrsd.com)

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the project, please feel free to contact:

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