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Renssen Avenue storm sewer project will impact traffic in 2009.

Residents and business owners should expect street closures and detours associated with the Renssen Avenue storm sewer project set to begin later this year.

The project includes the installation of new storm sewer pipes and catch basins along a nine-block section of Renssen Avenue between Welton and Delevan streets. An existing storm sewer in the same area, that runs generally parallel to Renssen Avenue through private properties, will either be rehabilitated or abandoned.

Sections of the existing storm sewer are actually a brick archway built directly upon the underlying bedrock over 100 years ago before this portion of the City was fully developed. Portions of this archway, which is 54 inches in diameter at its widest point near Welton Street, will be restored from the inside by coating its walls with a reinforced concrete spray. This will minimize the need for excavations or disturbances to the properties above. The abandoned sections will be filled with concrete.

City Council awarded a contract for this project on April 1 to Marvec Construction Corporation of Verona, NJ for the amount of \$4,818,673. The City will hold a neighborhood forum, later in the year, to provide residents and businesses with greater details about the project.

The new storm sewer, which will be 24 inches wide at Delevan Street but gradually widen to 66 inches near Welton Street, is designed to handle additional stormwater runoff from connecting storm sewers from side streets along Renssen Avenue and will be capable of accepting up to 25 million gallons of water daily. The project will help to eliminate storm sewer overflows in the neighborhood.

The project is set to begin in September and is funded through a low interest loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program. Notice will be provided in advance of any street closures and, when possible, streets will be reopened for nights, weekends and holidays. The project is anticipated to last 12 to 16 months. For more information please contact the City Engineer's Office at 732-745-5055.

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