Reconstruction of Owl’s Head Connector Section of Brooklyn Waterfront-Greenway Project

Owls Head Greenway

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) is managing the Reconstruction of the Owl’s Head Connector Section of Brooklyn Waterfront-Greenway Project HWK1048G. This project is a $18M capital investment and is sponsored by the NYC Department of Transportation.

Work began for the Owl’s Head Connector Project in March 2018 and has an anticipated completion date of Fall 2019. Subsurface work to be performed as part of this project include the installations of:

- new sewers along 2nd Avenue between 58th Street and 65th Street
- new catch basins, basin connections, curbs, sidewalks, street lighting, traffic lights

This project will construct approximately 12 blocks of the 14-mile Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. This project establishes the southernmost leg of the Greenway, linking the neighborhoods of Sunset Park and Bay Ridge, where the Greenway will ultimately connect to the Shore Parkway Esplanade. It will provide safer access to parks and recreational spaces along the waterfront, encourage healthy lifestyles by promoting the use of non-motorized forms of transportation, improve sustainability by capturing storm water, and stimulate economic development by providing connections to employment centers in Downtown Brooklyn and the Sunset Park, Gowanus, and Red Hook neighborhoods.

The projects scope includes 2nd Avenue from 58th Street to Wakeman Place and Wakeman Place from Ridge Boulevard to Colonial Road; we will construct the roadway pavement and resurface. These streets will be reconfigured to provide space for the two-way, grade-separated greenway path, as well as, additional planted landscaped areas.

This project also includes the rehabilitation (25% replacement and 75% repair) of a retaining wall along the northwest side of 2nd Avenue and between 58th Street and 65th Street.

Upcoming/Proposed Work on 2nd Avenue between 58th Street and 65th Street:

- Installation of new sewers, catch basins and chute connections
- Continue installation of the moment slab and the Retaining Wall Fascia inside of the Brooklyn Army Terminal
- Continue catch basin installation on Wakeman Place and Colonial Road.

Project #HWK1048G

Work Completed to Date

So far, we have completed the installation of a chute connection at Wakeman Place and Ridge Blvd. We are currently in the process of completing the installation of another chute connection at Wakeman Place and Colonial Road. Concrete was poured for the moment slab, formwork, dowels and the wire mesh were installed on 2nd Avenue between 58th Street and 61st Street.

First section of the newly poured moment slab on 2nd Ave between 60th Street and 61st Street.

Office of Community Outreach + Notification
During construction hours, you can expect the following:

- Increased levels of dust, noise and heavy equipment.
- Vehicular travel lane closures will be required, as well as detours. Warning signs will be posted in advance.
- Parking and driveway/loading dock restrictions, signs will be posted within the affected areas.
- Emergency vehicle access and pedestrian access to sidewalk and buildings will be maintained at all times.

Special Needs
The DDC staff will work specifically with individuals that have special needs who may be uniquely impacted by the project. Please reach out to the project contact.

Trash Collection
Proper trash collection can be a challenge on a project as large as this but if everyone is considerate it can be managed with a modicum of disruption. Please pack your trash properly to avoid easy breakage and/or spill over. Put it in the designated areas as close to collection time as possible. If you use a private carter, ensure your trash collection occurs in a timely fashion. If you aren’t sure where to bring your trash, please call the CCL.

Community Construction Liaison (CCL)
The DDC has assigned Christopher Fields, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact Mr. Fields for any project related inquiries/concerns you may have:
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