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Note to Editor: Please see attached (detour) photo

City to commence Runnins River Culvert Project; Close roadway

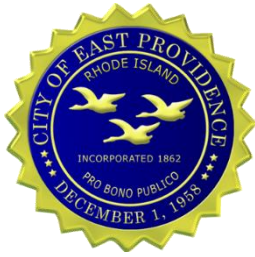
EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence is ready to commence the Runnins River Culvert Project. The project is slated to begin on July 15, 2019.

The city's contractor, J.H. Lynch & Sons Inc., will close a section of Warren Avenue/County Street where it crosses the Runnins River, between Waterman Avenue and Fall River Avenue. During the 30-day closure, the contractor will install two 3 precast concrete box culverts adjacent to the existing arch culvert under the road.

The objective of this project is to reduce the frequency and extent of flooding within the State Street neighborhood.

During the 30-day closure period, motorists should plan extra travel time and consider alternate routes. A detour has been established for local traffic (please see attachment). Motorists heading north on Warren Avenue/County Street should use Waterman Avenue, Pawtucket Avenue, Taunton Avenue and Fall River Avenue to detour. Drivers heading south can use Fall River Avenue to Highland Avenue to return to Warren Avenue.

The contractor is scheduled to work 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to complete the work within this timeframe. The work is weather-dependent and subject to change, as is the July 15 start date if river levels are too high.



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In November 2017, the city of East Providence was awarded a matching grant for this project from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$544,025 through the Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Bond Fund (BWRF).

Should you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 401-435-7701.

