

Press Release Town of Franklin

Buckeye Construction Company will soon begin work on water and sewer improvements along East Main Street, and motorists in downtown Franklin need to be aware of potential delays.

The Canton, NC-based company is preparing to commence work on the project as of Monday, April 19. Traffic in the vicinity of the Little Tennessee River bridges westward toward Riverview Street and the town hill area should expect some congestion due to utility work that prompts lane closings.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area when possible.

The project, which involves the installation of about 4,800 feet of new 12-inch and 8-inch water lines as well as approximately 1,200 feet of new 8-inch sewer line, is expected to take 120 days to complete.

In addition to the areas noted above, the project extends along Riverview and White Oak streets. Per the terms of the contract, no open trenches will be allowed overnight and all travel routes should remain open after the completion of work each day.

In addition, another major utility project will get underway in the near future, as Terry Brothers Construction Company has been awarded the bid for the Crawford Branch Sewer Improvements project. This project is designed to rehabilitate an existing sewer line along the stream by replacing it with almost 9,400 feet of 16-inch ductile iron line, plus another 4,400 feet of 8-inch ductile iron pipe. This \$1.34-million project is expected to take seven to eight months to complete, and will likely cause some traffic issues at times.

The Town of Franklin appreciates your assistance and patience as we strive to make necessary improvements to our utility system.