

CATAWBA AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT

Construction Progress Update & Roadway Detour Notice

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Overview & Project Roadmap

*****Crews will begin demolition of the section of Catawba from Water St to the bridge at 4am on Wednesday, September 30.** All detour routes will remain in place and flaggers will be in place to direct traffic coming onto Water St through the demo area. This work should be completed by end of day.

Undercut excavation of the roadway should be completed today with gravel road base going in and being compacted and tested through the end of the week.

Repairs to the eroded storm drain and sink hole at Commerce St will be completed this week as well.

Asphalt crews are scheduled to begin paving on Monday, October 5.

Project Timeline & Target Schedule

Week Of	Milestone
Sept 1	Beacon Installation, Detour Route Signage Placement
Sept 8	Paver Installation
Sept 14	Town Board Meeting Update Road Closures & Detour Routes
Sept 21	Roadway Demolition & Subsurface Exploration
Sept 28	Excavation & Base Correction (progress will depend on underground conditions and utilities)
Oct 5	Completion of Paving & Striping
Oct 12	Re-open Corridor

Traffic Detour & Business Access Plan

To complete roadway excavation and paving efficiently, a temporary road closure will be implemented with a designated detour route coordinated with the Town and NCDOT:

- **Local Vehicles & Business Access:** Commerce Street will be fully closed to through traffic. Detour traffic will route via Orchard Street to reach the rear of Commerce Street businesses.
- **Pedestrian Access:** Sidewalk access to all storefronts, restaurants, and businesses will remain **100% open and accessible** throughout construction.
- **Deliveries & Freight:** Specific delivery access routes have been planned for commercial deliveries. Temporary moveable barriers will be coordinated to accommodate event-day access for the auction house and other temporary access.
- **Detour Route Upgrades:** Commerce Street is being widened and reinforced with stone backing and safety barriers to comfortably support detour traffic.
- **Heavy Truck Routing:** Through-truck traffic will be detoured via regional NCDOT routes (Exit 75) to keep heavy trucks off residential side streets.

Project Contact Information

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