



Braintree Town Council

ORDER NO: 19 013

DATE FILED: MARCH 14, 2019

REQUEST OF: COMCAST

Comcast hereby respectfully requests to install a conduit in the town's road and roadside along with necessary terminal location enclosures, fixtures, and appurtenances for the purpose of providing Comcast service as follows:

French Avenue and Pearl Street to service 120 Ivory Street, to install and maintain approximately 308 feet of communications cable in 2 (one-above-the-other) 4" PVC concrete encased conduits 24 inches deep, 180 +/- feet in French Avenue and 118 +/- feet in the northerly sidewalk of Pearl Street and including 1 new 2' X 3' vault in the Pearl Street sidewalk at the driveway into 120 Ivory Street with staff recommendations:

BELD: There is a 115,000 volt oil filled transmission line located on Pearl Street/Ivory Street. BELD Engineering should be notified in advance of any excavation to be performed in close proximity to this line. BELD will provide onsite support and safety personnel at no cost to the project. BELD also has a 13,800 volt underground system on French Ave, Pearl Street and Ivory Street. This is a concrete encased duct bank to be identified through the Dig safe process.

A letter has been sent to Mr. Flewelling (Comcast) stating the new installation specifications required by BELD.

DPW: Neither French Avenue nor the Pearl Street sidewalk is under the moratorium. The DPW recommends that the permit be granted with the normal conditions imposed by the DPW Highway Division plus that:

1. Where sidewalk surfaces are disturbed the surface is to be replaced in kind, at ADA compliant slopes and for the full width of the sidewalk and including fully ADA compliant curb ramps;
2. all matches with existing surfaces be smooth, safe, properly surfaced and satisfactory to the Town;
3. the work be coordinated with the abutters to ensure that the properties are accessible at all times, including ADA compliant pedestrian access;
4. the conduit be installed outside of the trenches of the water and sewer mains and other utilities in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time;



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5. the DPW be notified when the construction conflicts with Town utilities so the resolution can be mutually agreeable;
6. as-built plans be prepared and submitted satisfactory to the Department of Public Works;
7. the construction portion of the permit period not exceed two months from the start of construction and that the entire permit period be set at one year beginning at the date of Council approval.

Regarding the Traffic Management Plan,

1. In phase 1 paint the "temporary crosswalk" as permanent at the existing curb ramps just north of the location shown. The W11-2 (Pedestrian Crossing) and W16-7P (downward arrow) should be fluorescent yellow-green instead of yellow, should be permanently mounted and should be left in place, if possible;
2. In phase 2 a second traffic control person is probably needed at the Pearl Street end of the work zone;
3. In phase 4 the existing crosswalk from the west side of French Avenue crossing Pearl Street should be shown and an accessible temporary pedestrian crossing from Ivory Plaza to Pearl Plaza must be added at the point of sidewalk closure.

We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"Neither Comcast nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."



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YEAS: Bowes, Carey, Hume, Kokoros, O'Brien, Powers, Ryan, Ringius, Whalen

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

PASSED IN COUNCIL: APRIL 23, 2019

A True Record, Attest:

5/6/2019
Date Approved

James M. Casey
James M. Casey, Town Clerk