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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (January 22, 2017) Public Utilities staff and railroad staff finished repairs and valve insertions earlier this morning. A contractor is on site to complete the required paving.

All roadway repairs, the removal of detour signs and the restoration of the traffic signal should be completed by approximately 2:00 p.m. with the roadway then reopened to traffic.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (January 21, 2017) Public Utilities crews continue work in the affected area of North Main Street and detours are expected to remain in place into the evening.

As noted previously, there may be temporary water service disruptions in the affected area while the section of water main is evaluated for final repairs.

Staff from CSX were on site and trains are continuing to utilize the track at a reduced speed.

DETOURS IN PLACE DOWNTOWN SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, Virginia (January 21, 2017) Suffolk Police advise there are currently detours in place in downtown Suffolk on North Main Street in both the northbound and southbound lanes of travel.

Emergency Communications was made aware earlier this morning of the formation of a sinkhole in the roadway in the area of the railroad tracks in the 300 block of North Main Street.

Northbound traffic on North Main Street is currently being detoured onto Finney Avenue and southbound traffic on North Main Street is currently being detoured onto Prentis Street.

Crews from Suffolk Public Works and Suffolk Public Utilities are currently on the scene. A CSX track representative was also notified of the issue.

Upon preliminary inspection it is believed that a Public Utilities casing pipe under the railroad track is involved, and there may be some temporary water service disruptions in the area while the section of water main is evaluated for final repairs.

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