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TOPIC: Town of Stratford Announces Start of Public Improvement Projects

STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT – Mayor John Harkins announced today that The Town of Stratford will be commencing drainage enhancements at Railroad underpasses at Main St, King St and West Broad St. on July 19, 2010. The bulk of the project will entail the replacement of a culvert at King Street. This culvert is essential to the movement of waters associated with Tanners Brook. The project includes installation of a 12' X 5' concrete box culvert from King St down Linden Ave to Main St. The project will also add drainage structures and miscellaneous drainage improvements at each of the three Railroad underpasses. This project will be managed by the Waters Construction Co. of Bridgeport, CT.

The majority of this project will be completed by the Fall 2010 with some final construction occurring in the Spring 2011. Citizens and visitors to the Stratford Center area should be aware of the following traffic control measures during the construction phase of this essential flood and water control project.

- The work is anticipated to start July 19 on Main St.
- Linden Ave will be closed for the duration of the project from Church St to Main St.
- During the Main St part of the work, one lane of traffic will be detoured. The detour will route one lane of Traffic around the construction site at Main St via Barnum Ave, Ferry Boulevard and Stratford Avenue. The detour would be in place approximately 6 weeks.
- King Street will be closed in both directions from mid August to December to accommodate the difficult work of installing this large culvert and utility relocations under the Railroad Bridge.

“This project will be a significant improvement to the drainage at three Railroad underpasses in Stratford” said Mayor Harkins. “Not only will the improvements upgrade substandard facilities, they will also increase the image of the Town.” The mayor added “We understand the inconvenience created while this project is underway and we appreciate the public’s patience during construction.”

The cost of the Town funded Storm Drainage improvements is approximately \$4,000,000.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information or providing input may do so by contacting Town Engineer John Casey at (203) 385-4013.