

### ***Front Street Improvement Project- Update: March 5, 2010***

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- **Front Street Improvement Project**– The contractor has completed the 9<sup>th</sup> week of Stage 1 of the project, which is scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of March. T.A. Loving continues to tackle the most difficult section of the project within the south side of the Market Street intersection. The push to complete underground utility and electrical construction will set the stage for rebuilding of the sidewalks and crosswalks. The traffic patterns were not altered this week and currently the contractor is providing above 90 hours of crew time with an increased use of sub-contractors. The City is working closely with TA Loving to stay on schedule and stay on top of coordination.
- **This week** the contractor made important milestones in the construction of the water main and advancement of the electrical work. The contractor completed a critical tie-in of the water main in the south side of the intersection and began final preparation of the water main and services. Notices were given to business owners regarding the 7-day notice prior to the transfer of water services. Underground electrical (light pole feeds and foundations) are being completed. Once completed with underground utility work at the intersection, the road base will be rebuilt. Granite curbing was installed at all four corners of the Market St. intersection and in the first half block of the 000 block of Front.
- **Next week** the contractor will continue preparations for granite curbing installation. New sewer main will continue to be installed toward Princess. The contractor will proceed with the filling and testing of the new 16-inch water main and lateral lines up to Princess Street, followed by the transfer of individual services within 2 weeks. Electrical work will continue as foundations are completed and conduit installation approaches completion.

The City continues to work business owners to address concerns and tangible issues such as parking and water service. Also, the City is working with property managers who are making improvements and require sidewalk permits for temporary closures. More information about the project can be found on the City's website at [www.wilmingtonnc.gov](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov).

