

MM 90 Drainage Project- Blasting today

This is being sent to all property owners and tenants along the Charlotte Myrtle Morehead Drainage Project and also various agencies. This is to provide you with a project update for one item.

The tunnel construction continues. It is 32 feet deep and around 50 degrees in the tunnel. About 80 feet has been dug and reinforced. It is well under Morehead Street, and about 20 feet beyond the 54" waterline. The ground in the tunnel excavation is now hard crystalline rock. Digging is very difficult. We plan on blasting to loosen the rock material so it can be removed. One shot of dynamite is currently scheduled for 12:00 noon today. The site is ready; however, several things still have to happen prior to blasting.

The tunnel path continues into rock so blasting could also continue a couple times per week. The blast are intentionally small and only disturb about three feet of material ahead of the digging. There is much labor in this excavation process.

Please advise if you have any questions. I hope this information keeps you informed of the project's impacts on the area.

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