

## **August 18, 2020 Neighbor Meeting “Post-Test” Blast Construction Meeting Summary of Questions and Answers**

**QUESTION:** There are many utility lines (PSE&G, NJ American Water, Verizon, Comcast) running under FitzRandolph Road and its sidewalks: fiber, TV-internet cable, water, sewer, electric, gas. These are all fairly close to the surface. What measures will be taken to ensure the integrity of these installations during the many weeks of blasting? Do you have plans for **CONTINUOUS** monitoring for deterioration of underground fiber, cable, and electrical continuity; water/sewer pipes and couplings; and gas lines (especially the latter) as they are exposed to many dozens of seismic shocks on FitzRandolph and other streets? By ‘continuous’ I mean, not only at the immediate time of blasting, but also in the days between blasts – especially for gas leaks, since they may develop slowly over time if pipes/connections degrade.

The only utilities under Fitzrandolph adjacent to the area where the blasting is taking place are water and sewer, and these lines only provide service to campus facilities and not the neighborhood. There is also an electric duct bank under the road that includes utilities that only serve the campus.

PSE&G gas is an underground utility that will be monitored by PSE&G after each blast. PSE&G electric is an overhead utility that will be visually inspected by the project team after each blast. Verizon, Comcast and any other communication lines that are overhead utilities will be visually inspected by the project team after each blast. NJAW is an underground utility in the road and will be visually inspected by the project team for any waterline breaks.

There is no sanitary sewer that serves the local community within 500 feet of the blast area.

If you sense that there is a problem with a utility at any time (such as the smell of gas) we suggest that you call 911. If it is a non-emergency question, this can be reported to the Princeton University Facilities Customer Service Center at 609-258-8023 to ensure a prompt response.

Note that neighbors should not be alarmed if they see public utility vehicles near the project site. Their presence does not automatically indicate that there is an emergency. As part of their routine safety protocol, utility company staff will regularly be onsite for inspections.

***QUESTION: Thank you for responding to our concerns about trucks on Faculty/Harrison. When will that re-routing begin?***

The rerouting of trucks hauling soil from the East Campus project site will begin tomorrow, August 19. Please note that notification has been provided to our construction manager and

the contractors, but it is possible that it will take a few days for all to comply with the new route.

**QUESTION: Please post the address to which we should send an email if trucks continue to come along Hartley.**

If a campus neighbor sees dump trucks travelling along Harley or other streets in the vicinity of the East Campus project, please email to project manager Steven Hancock at [sh8@princeton.edu](mailto:sh8@princeton.edu). Alternatively, this can be reported to the Princeton University Facilities Customer Service Center for follow-up. Their number is 609-258-8023.

Please note that there will be over the duration of the east campus projects, and other campus projects, certain deliveries that are very long and could not actually make the route from Alexander across Faculty Road due to the roundabout at Elm Drive.

**QUESTION: Many thanks for the constructive rerouting of the trucks! Will this also apply to the current large number of trucks working on the project in central campus?**

As mentioned in the prior question, there will be over the duration of the east campus projects, and other campus projects, certain deliveries that are very long and could not actually make the route from Alexander across Faculty Road due to the roundabout at Elm Drive.

**QUESTION: When may we expect to receive Princeton University's written and web-posted answers to all of the questions that everyone posed at our last Zoom meeting (July 28, 2020), via email, and via phone.**

The Q&A Summary from the July 28, 2020 campus neighbor meeting about the Soccer Stadium and Practice Field and the East Campus Construction Update is [posted](#) on facilities project website for Roberts Stadium.

**POST-MEETING QUESTION: I am sorry to have missed the neighborhood discussion of the east campus projects. The use of Alexander instead of Harrison was a good idea. But where is the dump site for all of that material being hauled away? Is it being tested in any way for contaminants?**

We agree that the shift to use Alexander Street for travel to Route One is a positive development that will avoid disruption due to soil hauling in the neighborhood adjacent to the East Campus.

Soils and rock from the East Campus site are being hauled to handling facilities in Pennsylvania as well as to University property in West Windsor on Washington Road where the University has a sustainable soil-reuse facility. East Campus soils are sampled and tested prior to all hauling to ensure that soils are handled appropriately.