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Dear Newberry Academy Families,

In a short amount of time, the City of Chicago will be performing water main construction on Willow Street, as well as the surrounding area, as part of an infrastructure investment program. The City will be tearing up parts of Willow Street to replace significantly old water pipes and installing new ones in their place. Our school and neighbors benefit from this kind of neighborhood improvement, but at a temporary cost to the flow of traffic in front of our school for a few weeks. We do not have an official begin date, but have been advised breaking ground will happen soon.

In order to be proactive and develop a traffic flow plan for you, we have met with the project engineer as well and team who will be spearheading this work in front of the school. Together, we put first things first and developed a plan to ensure a safe flow of traffic so students can enter and exit buses in a safe and calm manner in the mornings and afternoons. Here is what you can expect during construction:

- During morning bus drop-off, buses will unload on Willow Street, but east of Orchard Street. These students will be supervised as they across Orchard Street and walk to Burling and enter the playground.
- During dismissal time, Routes 1-6 will queue on Willow Street east of Orchard Street.
- All remaining buses that normally queue on Orchard at dismissal will be uninterrupted.
- **\*\*For families who drive to school in the AM and/or PM, there will be times when Willow Street is congested, so please allow for extra time and patience.**
- **\*\*\*For families who use the Orchard Street Kiss & Go station, there may be a short period where it is inaccessible, but drop-off is always available at the Burling Street playground entrance.**

The City of Chicago team is working with us to ensure that work stops during student boarding and off-boarding of buses and is very focused on performing construction as quickly as possible so our inconvenience is relatively short-lived. If you would like to receive regular email updates about the progress of the project, please go to [BuildingANewChicago.org](http://BuildingANewChicago.org) to register for the **WaterALERT** program. Simply enter your name, email address and the project identification number (#1701055).

As a helpful and gentle reminder, if you do drop-off your children on Burling Street in the mornings, please be kind to our neighbors by not blocking their driveways. They've been very good to us over the years and we'd like to do our part, too as members of this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Foley".

Linda Foley