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Dear Valued Stakeholder:

Today, I'm pleased to report that the majority of rehabilitation work on Rt. 20 in Paterson has concluded. The roadway is expected to be re-opened this afternoon.

The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) recognizes that this project has had an enormous impact on commuters, residents and businesses. The protracted work schedule and unforeseen obstacles impacted our ability to move ahead as planned; we do apologize for the extensive delays and for the residual problems associated with the rehabilitation project. All of you have been extremely patient and have waited a long time for this work to be completed. We hope you understand that the work was necessary, impacted public safety and was long over-due.

When we began work on September 6, 2013, the PVSC faced an unenviable task of rehabilitating a 90-year old Main Interceptor Sewer Pipe. Along the way, we encountered a number of issues that if not addressed, would have resulted in a failure of the sewer system, and placed the motoring public at risk due to high probability of sink holes, road collapses and other anomalies.

Today, the existing system and roadway should serve residents and motorists well into the future. The quality of life for citizens is markedly better and through important partnerships with state and local government, we are repairing decaying infrastructure throughout our service area.

Again, thank you for your patience and for your interest in this particular project. If I or my staff can ever be assistance in the near future, please contact us at (973) 817-5700 or through our website at http://www.nj.gov/pvsc/.

Sincerely,
PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSION

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