

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The water main along Exposition Blvd. needs to be replaced. Records show that the northern portion of the line was installed in 1952 and the southern portion was installed in 1977. Water main breaks are well documented in this area, which cause service disruptions, waste treated water and increase operations and maintenance costs. The existing water main is a 12-inch diameter pipeline. It will be replaced with a 12-inch diameter pipeline.

OVERVIEW OF WORK

- A new trench will be dug to accommodate the new water main while the existing line remains in service.
- New fire hydrants will be installed, and old fire hydrants will be removed. New fire hydrants may be placed in new locations to meet code requirements.
- New meter boxes will be installed along Exposition Blvd.
- Following completion of all work, pavement will be restored.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Water Outages

- Once a section of new water main is completed, customers along Exposition Blvd will be connected to the new line. Making this connection will require water service to be temporarily turned off. The project inspector will provide notice 48-hours prior to water service being turned off by placing door tags on front doors. It typically takes several hours for connections to be completed and water service to be restored.
- To the extent possible, water connections for commercial customers (including schools and businesses) will occur overnight or on weekends.
- Emergency water outages are also likely to occur during the project due to the age and condition of the existing pipeline. Crews will repair any unintended breaks in the existing line as soon as possible and will work carefully to try to avoid them.

Traffic Impacts

- One traffic lane in each direction will be maintained throughout the project. The bike lane will be closed in the construction areas. Work in the intersections will be conducted only on weekends. Some intersections may be closed on weekends to accommodate this work.

PROJECT PHASING

The project will be constructed in the following phases:

- **Phase 1:** Water main construction from Enfield Road to Bridle Path and wastewater line construction from Carlton Rd. to West 35th Street
- **Phase 2:** Water Main construction from Bridle Path to Gilbert Street
- **Phase 3:** Water Main construction from Gilbert Street to Greenlee
- **Phase 4:** Water Main construction from Westover to West 35th Street
- **Phase 5:** Street re-pavement

(Note: The water main between Westover and Greenlee does not need to be replaced. Construction is not planned in this area.)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will you be closing streets?

A: We will be closing lanes of traffic, but not entire streets. You will always have access to your home - for brief periods, driveway access may be limited.

Q: What are the working hours? Which days?

A: The work days are generally Monday through Saturday, though some Sundays may be required. The work hours are generally 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Q: How loud will it be?

A: You will hear heavy equipment during work hours. The City's noise ordinance applies after 10 p.m.

Q: Will my water be turned off?

A: Yes, at some point your water will be turned off, but most likely just for a few hours on a single day. We will notify you via flyers posted on the door, prior to turning off the water. In rare cases, an emergency may cause water to be turned off without notice. We will do our best to avoid this.

Q: Will you dig up my lawn?

A: Most work will be limited to the right of way. In many cases, the right of way is located between the street and the sidewalk, in an area that you may consider to be part of your lawn. We will notify you as we start work on your street so that you may remove plants or personal items. If you have irrigation system pipes, landscape features or retaining walls in the City of Austin right-of-way, they may need to be moved in advance of the construction. If the contractor damages any of the features in the right-of-way, repair and costs to repair these features are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Q: What are your plans for repaving the streets?

A: We will repair trenches during construction of the utility lines. Following completion of all work on all streets, pavement will be restored. All streets will be milled/overlaid with a new asphalt surface.

Q: Are other projects planned for this area?

A: Yes, there are two smaller projects in the planning phase.

North Tarrytown Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal

The proposed project will replace/upgrade aging water and wastewater lines in the area bounded by Exposition Blvd, Spring Ln and Vista Ln on the West, Griswold Ln on the South, Winsted Ln (MoPac) on the East and Westover Rd, Margranita Crescent on the North. The project is currently in the design phase. Construction is projected to begin in early 2020 and will be completed in 2022. The schedule is subject to change based on design constraint, acquiring permit and bidding solicitation phase. Project Manager: Fredrick Reza, fredrick.reza@austintexas.gov, 512-974-7204

South Tarrytown Water & Wastewater Pipeline Renewal

The project will replace aging water and wastewater lines in the area generally bounded by Exposition on the west, Windsor on the north, Sharon Road on the east, and Enfield Road on the south. The project is in the early design phase. Construction is projected to begin in spring 2021 and last about 1 year. This schedule is subject to change based on time required for design and bidding the construction contract. Contact: Aldo Ranzani, aldo.ranzani@austintexas.gov, 512-972-1122