

**Alamo Heights and Riverside Alliance Water & Sewer Improvements
and Lead Service Line Replacement Project
WebEx Community Construction meeting**

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292 evites mailed; 5 residents participated

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Summary:

This is a virtual WebEx community construction meeting. The Alamo Heights and Riverside Alliance project is also known as Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2019, WSM-E and City Project Number 102301. This construction impacts customers in the

Alamo Heights neighborhood association and the Riverside Alliance area.

What streets are impacted?

Existing water and sewer mains, as well as City-owned lead water service lines are being replaced. This project encompasses two areas.

The western part is in Alamo Heights between Chisholm Trail Parkway and I-30. It is bound by Wirfield Street to the west, Alamo Avenue to the north, Bedford Street to the east and Lisbon Street to the south.

The eastern part is in the Riverside Alliance area between State Hwy. 121/Airport Freeway and the Trinity Railway Express line. It is bound by Blevins Street to the west, Airport Freeway to the north, Seaman Street to the east and East 1st Street to the south.

The project area includes:

- Noble Avenue from Fairview Street to Seaman Street (water/sewer/paving);
- Seaman Street from Noble Avenue to State Hwy. 121/Airport Freeway (water/sewer/paving);
- Blevins Street from East 1st Street to Airport Freeway (water/sewer/paving);
- Colonial Street from East 1st Street to Airport Freeway (water/sewer/paving);
- East 1st Street from Penland Street to Blevins Street (water/sewer/paving);
- Alley between Valentine Street and Lisbon Street from Wirfield Street and Clover Lane (sewer);
- Alley between Alamo Avenue and Valentine Street from Duboise Street east 670 feet (sewer).

What is the timeline for construction and where are you starting?

Construction will get underway in May of 2021. The contractor will start at Noble Avenue and Seaman Street then move to East 1st Street. The projected end date is the spring of 2022.

Why are you doing this project?

Fort Worth prioritizes water and sewer line replacements based on available data which includes the water main break history, leak history, CCTV (closed circuit TV) inspection, age of the line, line material and whether there are lead service lines. The sewer lines need to be moved so they are more accessible to our Field Operations crews and the water lines have a history of main breaks. This project focuses on the replacement of City-owned lead service lines.

How does the city determine if a water service line is composed of lead?

For five-plus years Fort Worth Water has been doing an inventory of City-owned water service lines and replacing those that test positive for lead. Field operations and their contractors do a scratch test of the pipe to determine if the material is lead.

What part is lead?

The City side of the line starts at the main in the middle of the street and goes to the customer's meter. The customer's side of the service line goes from the meter to the house and includes all plumbing inside the house.

Do you replace the water line up to my house?

We replace the City-owned service line, water meter, and meter box and repair the street. If you are directly impacted by the replacement of the City-owned lead service lines, you received a letter in late March letting you know that your side of the water line is copper, galvanized steel, PVC or PEX.

How were customers notified about the lead?

Customers directly impacted by City-owned lead service lines were notified by letter the last week of March 2021. Customers also received a mailer in late April inviting them to this WebEx community construction meeting. For more about lead in drinking water go to www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/water/lead.

How do we know if we have lead in our home?

Fort Worth Water offers a free test to determine the lead levels in your drinking water. Call 817-392-4477 for an appointment. Staff will explain how lead gets into drinking water and the low-cost steps to minimize exposure for the short term. The only long-term solution is to replace all lead plumbing components. For more about lead in drinking water go to the City website, www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/water/lead.

Will our sewer service be disrupted?

Sewer services to be rerouted will require access to your property. If the city needs access you will receive a temporary right-of-entry form. Please sign the right-of-entry and email it to Brenda.Oropeza@FortWorthTexas.gov. This form protects the property owner and the contractor. The owner will be aware that the contractor requires access and the contractor knows which properties are included.

Will the streets be replaced?

Following the water and sewer construction, the full width of the street will be rehabilitated with a new asphalt surface.

Are we getting sidewalks?

Design plans call for sidewalks to be added to:

- Colonial Street – East 1st Street to Airport Freeway;
- Blevins Street – East 1st Street to Airport Freeway;
- East 1st Street – Penland Street to Blevins Street.

What happens if my property is damaged?

The contractor will take pictures and video of the property before breaking ground. We

also encourage property owners to take pictures and video of their property before construction commences.

Will the construction affect my irrigation?

The contractor will ask property owners to turn on the irrigation system so sprinkler heads can be located and flagged. The contractor has to cap irrigation lines before construction starts. The contractor will replace capped or damaged irrigation systems.

Will our water be turned off?

Water will be turned off for 15-30 minutes when service is transferred from the existing line to a temporary water line, and when the service is transferred from the temporary to the new water line.

Will we have access to our driveway during construction?

Yes, if for some reason your access needs to be blocked the inspector/superintendent will notify you in advance so you can plan accordingly.

Is the sewer line between Brown Avenue and East 1st Street from Colonial Street and Penland Street being replaced?

This line is not included in this scope of this project.

Q: Will you be replacing the pavement on Fairview Street from Noble Street to Airport Freeway and the street from Noble Avenue from Fairview Street to Penland Street. It does not have curb and gutter and there are potholes present which cause cars to fall into them when it rains due to the drainage problems.

A: We will reach out to TPW to see if they can address the issue.

Q. What is the contractor doing to prevent their property from walking off? How are they securing their commercial vehicles? There has been an uptick in property crime and we want to prevent any more statistics on theft of property.

We have a steel job box and the excavator and loaders are locked at night. We do the best we can.

How will you notify us?

The contractor will put door hangers on your front door seven days before and one day prior to the start of construction.

The door hanger will have this phone number – 817-392-8306 - on it because these are generic door hangers. The contractor's contact information and the inspector's contact information will be added to the hangers in the form of a business card or sticker.

Transportation and Public Works is managing construction on this joint project. Eustorgio Andrade is the TPW inspector. His number is 817-392-8306 and his email is Eustorgio.Andrade@FortWorthTexas.gov.

Your inspector and contractor will be your primary contact, if you need to coordinate property access. They will also be your contact for the most prompt service regarding any other questions or concerns, as they are on site daily.

Where can I get more information?

Progress will be updated on the City website at www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-Alamo-Heights-Riverside-Alliance-Water-Sewer-Improvements. You can also log on to www.FortWorthTexas.gov and type the project number - 102301 - in the search bar.

The link to the May 6, 2021, meeting video, the project map, and the project summary/frequently asked questions will be linked to the project page.

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