

# Bluebonnet Circle Sewer Improvement Project

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*208 summary/FAQs were mailed to businesses and residents in the immediate area. The Bluebonnet Hills neighborhood association was also contacted.*

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## **Summary:**

Fort Worth Water is abandoning an existing 8-inch sewer main that is just east of Bluebonnet Circle - between Park Ridge Boulevard and West Biddison Street. This line is behind businesses that front Bluebonnet Circle. An 8-inch sewer main will be installed inside Bluebonnet Circle as well as on South University Drive and West Biddison Street (on the east side of Bluebonnet Circle).

This project is in an area bound by the alley behind Circle C Cleaners and Mellow Mushroom to the north, Mission Street to the east, Bluebonnet Circle to the south and Rogers Avenue to the west.

The Bluebonnet Circle project is in City Council District 9 and impacts the Bluebonnet Hills Neighborhood Association.

This project is part of the TCU Area Lead Replacement and Infrastructure Improvement project. The project is also known as 2019 WSM-A and City Project Number 102168. Bluebonnet Circle is 102168-2.

The website link is <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-bluebonnet-circle-sewer-improvement-project>.

### **What streets are impacted?**

The project area includes:

- Bluebonnet Circle from South University Drive to West Biddison Street (east side of Bluebonnet Circle, in the park area);
- South University Drive from the alley behind Circle Cleaners and Mellow Mushroom on the north end of Bluebonnet Circle to Bluebonnet Circle;
- West Biddison Street (east side of Bluebonnet Circle) from Bluebonnet Circle to Mission Street;
- Between Park Ridge Boulevard and West Biddison Street, from West Biddison Street northeasterly 155 feet.

### **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.

In this instance, the project was created to reroute sewage flows and abandon the existing severely deteriorated sewer line behind the Bluebonnet Circle businesses to the City park, and, install a new sewer main on the interior of the circle.

### **Is the street going to be closed during construction?**

The traffic control plan for Fort Worth Water's relocations does call for lane closures. Traffic control will be in place. When we do what we call "open cut" the trench will be covered when the crews are not working.

### **How will this impact parking for our customers on Bluebonnet Circle?**

We will be conducting boring operations (tunneling underground) as well as open cut (trenches) with this sewer main relocation project. Construction equipment and installation of the new sewer main will block some of the parking spaces around the inner circle and to the park area.

### **What are the hours of construction?**

The hours of construction are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday and, if requested by the contractor, 9 a.m. to 4 pm/5 pm on Saturdays.

### **Will you need access to our property?**

If an easement is needed you should have been, or will be, notified if your property is one that requires access. The contractor will provide a Right of Entry (ROE) letter to the property owner then upon approval the contractor will have access to the property.

### **Will our sewer service be disrupted?**

Sanitary sewer service will not be interrupted. New sewer cleanouts will be installed at the property line. The sewer cleanout provides crews easy access if a backup or blockage occurs. The sewer line from the cleanout to the business - and the private plumbing - are the responsibility of the owner to maintain.

### **Will our water be turned off?**

We are not replacing water lines so your water will not be turned off during this project.

### **I manage apartments near this project area. How will you notify residents that you will be doing construction in their block?**

We will coordinate with the offices at the apartment complexes in this area. When we are ready to start construction we notify residents via 7-day door hangers and 1-day door hangers. We understand that the apartment complexes want to notify their residents 48 hours in advance.

### **How were customers notified about this project?**

These frequently asked questions were emailed to the neighborhood association members and mailed to those directly impacted. If it is applicable, the contractor will notify impacted customers of pending construction by placing a door hanger on the front door of homes/businesses seven days prior to the start of construction and again one day before the start of construction.

### **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 starts. The contractor will restore the property to its original condition.

### **Will we have access to our driveway during construction?**

The only residential area that might be affected by construction traffic would be West Biddison Street and South University Drive. The contractor will work with residents to get access to and from their homes during construction.

### **What is the timeline?**

Right now we are planning for construction to start in mid-November 2021 and wrap up by mid-June 2022. The contractor will install the new sewer line first and then abandon the existing sewer line.

### **Who do we call if we have questions?**

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### **Where can I get more information?**

Progress will be updated on the City of Fort Worth website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-bluebonnet-circle-sewer-improvement-project>.

You can also go to [www.fortworthtexas.gov](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov) and put the project number – 102168-2 - in the search bar on the home page.

The link to this project map (see next page) and the project summary/frequently asked questions – in English and Spanish - will be linked to the project page.

### **How do I report an emergency or non-emergency?**

Emergencies – water main breaks, sewer backups – can be reported 24 hours a day by calling 817-392-4477 and selecting Option 1.

If it is not an emergency you can call the same number – 817-392-4477 - between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Do not select Option 1. Non-emergency calls will go to the Water Call Center. The call center is closed on all City holidays.

You can also download the MyFW app from the App Store or Google Play. Download the MyFW app from the App Store or Google Play. You can report sewer overflows, leaks and water main breaks, missing or broken meter lids, water theft, water violations, no water service, water pressure issues and other sewer concerns through the app.



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