

**Bomber Heights, Como, Morningside and Avenue J & K Infrastructure  
Improvement and Lead Replacement Project  
WebEx Community Construction meeting**

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## **579 evites mailed; 5 residents participated**

### **Summary:**

This is a virtual WebEx community construction meeting. The Bomber Heights, Como, Morningside and Avenue J & K Infrastructure Improvement project is also known as Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2019, WSM-F and City Project Number 102302. This construction impacts customers in the Bomber Heights, Como, Morningside and United Communities neighborhood association areas.

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

Existing water and sewer mains will be replaced and City-owned lead service lines will also be removed and replaced. This project encompasses three areas in three council districts.

The project area includes:

- Desert Ridge Drive from Camp Bowie Boulevard/State Hwy. 377 to Southwest Boulevard/State Hwy. 183 (water and paving) – Council District 3;
- Kilpatrick Avenue from Bryant Irvin Road North to Halloran Street (water and paving) – Council District 3;
- Avenue J from Collard Street to Little Street (water and paving ) – Council District 8;
- Avenue K from Collard Street to Bishop Street (water and paving) – Council District 5;
- Marion Avenue from New York Avenue to Mississippi Avenue (water and paving) – Council District 8;
- Alley between East Mulkey Street and Marion Avenue from New York Avenue to Mississippi Avenue (sewer) - Council District 8.

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

Construction will get underway in the summer of 2021. The contractor will start at Avenue J and Avenue K then move westward to Marion Avenue, Kilpatrick and Desert Ridge. The projected end date is the summer of 2022.

### **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.

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.

### **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. 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?**

Fort Worth Water has been doing an inventory of the City-owned water service lines and replacing those lines for more than five years. Our field operations crews and meter services crews do what is called a scratch test of the pipe to determine if the material is lead. If the scraped area is shiny and silver, the service line is lead. A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.

### **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.

### **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 if we are replacing the City-owned lead service lines in your neighborhood or business area. Call 817-392-4477 for an appointment.

If the City is not replacing City-owned service lines in your area you can request a lead water analysis of your tap water. Download the request form - <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/files/assets/public/water/documents/water-quality/lead-copper-test-form.pdf>. The cost is \$15 per faucet tested.

Staff will explain how lead gets into drinking water and low-cost steps to minimize exposure for the short term. The only long-term solution is to replace all lead plumbing components.

### **How were customers notified about the City-owned lead service lines?**

Customers directly impacted by City-owned lead service lines were notified by letter in April 2021. Customers also received a mailer in late May inviting them to a June 10, 2021 Fort Worth Water Department WebEx community construction meeting. They were encouraged to learn more about lead in drinking water by going to [www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/water/lead](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/water/lead).

### **Do you replace the water line up to my house?**

The Fort Worth Water Department replaces the City-owned service line, water meter, and meter box and will repair the street. If you are directly impacted by the replacement of the City-owned lead service lines, you received a letter in April letting you know that your side of the water line is copper, galvanized, PVC or HDPE.

**Will you need access to our property during this capital improvement project?** No. The entirety of this project will be conducted in the public right-of-way, which is generally the street width plus the 10 feet behind the curb. If for any reason the contractor does need access to your property, you will be notified

**Will our sanitary 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.

**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 line.

**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 the street be replaced?**

Following the water and sewer construction, the full width of the street will be rehabilitated with a new asphalt surface. The existing curb/gutter, sidewalks and driveways will not be replaced except in certain circumstances

**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.

**Where can I get more information?**

Progress will be updated on the City of Fort Worth website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-bomber-heights-como-morningside-avenuej-avenuek-infrastructure>. You can also go to [www.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov) and enter "102302" in the search bar on the home page. The link to this meeting video, the project map, and the project summary/frequently asked questions will be linked to this project page.

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