

Grand, Commerce, Prairie, 20th, 21st, 22nd & 25th Street Infrastructure Improvements WebEx Community design meeting

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Summary:

This is a virtual WebEx community design meeting. Existing sanitary sewer mains and water mains will be replaced in an area bound by NW 25th Street to the north, North Grove Street to the east, NW 16th Street and NE 14th Street to the south and Grand Avenue to the west. Landmarks include the Stockyards Station, Saunders Park, MG Ellis Primary School, Marine Park, Northside Park, J.P. Elder Middle School and Maddox Park.

This project is in City Council District 2 and impacts the North Side neighborhood association and the Inter-District 2 Alliance.

The Grand, Commerce, Prairie, 20th, 21st, 22nd & 25th Street Infrastructure Improvement project is also known as Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project 98 and City Project Number 2719.

What streets are impacted?

The project area includes:

- Prairie Avenue from NW 21st Street to NW 22nd Street (water and sewer);
- NW 22nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Loving Avenue (water and sewer);
- Alley between Chestnut Avenue and Pearl Avenue from NW 23rd Street to NW 24th Street (sewer);
- NW 21st Street from the alley between Columbus Avenue and Chestnut Avenue to the alley between Pearl Avenue and Market Avenue (sewer).
- Grand Avenue from NW 19th Street to 425 feet northwest (water and sewer);
- Alley between Grand Avenue and Highland Avenue from NW 18th Street to 440 feet northwest (sewer);
- Alley between Homan Avenue and Harrington Avenue from the alley north and parallel to Park Street to 625 feet northwest (sewer);
- Alley between Harrington Avenue and Lagonda Avenue from 100 feet from the alley north and parallel to NW 16th Street to 165 feet northwest (sewer).
- NW 20th Street from the alley between Ellis Avenue and N. Main Street to the dead end (sewer);
- Alley east of North Main Street from NE 20th Street to 50 feet southeast (sewer);
- Alley between Main Street and North Commerce Street from NE 20th Street to NE 21st Street (sewer);
- North Commerce Street from NE 20th Street to NE 21st Street (water and sewer);
- NE 21st Street from N Grove Street to 180 feet west (sewer);
- Alley between North Commerce Street and North Calhoun Street from NE 23rd Street to 700 feet south (sewer);
- Easement east of Main Street from NE 23rd Street to 150 feet north (sewer).
- NW 25th St from Prospect Avenue to 200 feet west (sewer);
- Alley between Lee Avenue and Ross Avenue from NW 25th Street to 360 feet south (sewer);
- Alley between Lee Avenue and Ross Avenue from NW 23rd Street to NW 24th Street (sewer);
- Ross Avenue from NW 24th street and 250 feet north (water and sewer);
- Alley between Clinton Avenue and North Houston Street from NW 23rd Street to 530 feet north (sewer);
- Alley between North Houston Street and Ellis Avenue from West Exchange Avenue to 500 feet south (sewer).

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 replace aging water and sewer lines. Most of

the replacements are for pipes installed between 1909 and 1927. There are lead service lines that will be replaced as part of this project.

What streets will have construction in the streets?

- Prairie Avenue
- NW 25th Street
- NW 22nd Street
- NW 21st Street
- NE 21st Street
- NW 20th Street
- Grand Avenue
- North Commerce
- Ross Avenue

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.

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 house and the private plumbing are the owner's responsibility to maintain.

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.

How does the temporary water line impact my home and my water bill?

The temporary water line insures that you are not without water during construction.

Water must be continually flowing through the temporary line – which is above ground – during the winter months to keep the line from freezing. Customers should also keep their faucets dripping. In the summer months the continuous flow keeps the water from becoming stagnant in the above-ground line.

The bill for your water usage while you are on the temporary line is based on an average of the previous months' usage.

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. Damage during construction is the responsibility of the contractor.

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 lines after construction is complete. Again, damage to irrigation systems during construction is the responsibility of the contractor.

Are we getting curb, gutter, storm drains & sidewalks?

The existing curb/gutter, sidewalks and driveways will not be replaced except in certain circumstances, which includes those that are damaged by the contractor during construction. The contractor may need to remove and replace some curb and gutter and sidewalk to restore services. The contractor will also remove and replace driveway approaches that currently have water meters installed in the approach and must be relocated.

Do you replace the water line up to my house?

We replace the City-owned service line, water meter, and meter box. The City does not replace the water line that goes from the meter box up to your house.

Will we have access to our driveway during construction?

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

What is the timeline?

This is a design meeting. The next steps include:

- Advertising for bids for construction
- Opening bids
- City council approval to award the bid to the contractor
- Pre-construction meeting with the contractor and inspector
- A community construction meeting to update those impacted by the project

When do you expect this project to go to city council to award the bid?

We expect this project to go to city council in November/December 2021 March 2022 to award the bid to the contractor.

Do you award the contractor with the lowest bid or the contractor with the best and lowest bid?

The lowest bidder will have to meet pre-qualifications so it would be the lowest

responsible bidder.

Where can I get more information?

Progress will be updated on the City of Fort Worth website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-grand-commerce-prairie-20-21-22-25-infrastructure-improvements>.

You can also go to www.fortworthtexas.gov and put the project number – 2719 - 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 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. 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. 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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