

Horne - Camp Bowie to West Vickery - Infrastructure Improvements WebEx Community design meeting

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1,072 evites mailed; 15 residents participated

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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 Camp Bowie Boulevard to the north, Bourine Street to the east, West Vickery Boulevard to the south and Halloran Street to the west.

The Horne - Camp Bowie to West Vickery - Infrastructure Improvements project is also known as Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project on Horne Street and City Project Number 103123. Construction will impact the Como neighborhood association area.

What streets are impacted?

Existing sanitary sewer mains and water mains will be replaced in an area bound by Camp Bowie Boulevard to the north, Bourine Street to the east, West Vickery Boulevard to the south and Halloran Street to the west.

The project area includes:

- Horne Street from Camp Bowie Boulevard to West Vickery Boulevard (water/sewer);
- Diaz Avenue from Horne Street to Bourine Street (water/sewer);
- Manhattan Drive from Horne Street to Wilmington Drive (water);
- Carver Drive from Horne Street to 500 feet east (sewer);
- Alley between Donnelly Avenue and Geddes Avenue from Horne Street to Halloran Street (sewer);
- Alley between Humbert Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue from Horne Street to Faron Street (sewer);
- Alley between Carver Drive and Fernander Drive from Horne Street to Faron Street (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 existing water and sewer lines that are in poor condition.

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.

Will you need access to our property?

This in the public right-of-way or in the street. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property we will contact you prior to the start of construction.

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 to your house.

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.

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.

What kind of contractors will be privy to the project? Is there a certain percentage of minority contractors?

The City of Fort Worth establishes those goals. This is the link to the City of Fort Worth website page for all bids and requests.

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids>. We also advertise an invitation for bidders in the Fort Worth Star Telegram. We expect to advertise for bids in October or November of 2021.

Are all of these lines cast iron? Do we have lead lines?

All of the existing water lines in this project are cast iron. We are replacing these lines because they are in poor condition. We do not have any lead lines in this project.

You said we should take pictures of our property before construction begins. Who do we send those to?

You can email pictures and video to Suby Varughese, the project manager, at Suby.Varughese@FortWorthTexas.gov. His phone number is 817-392-7803.

How far in advance will residents be notified?

We will schedule a community construction meeting before construction starts. We will also use 7-day door hangers and 1-day door hangers to notify residents.

You say you are working on an alley between Carver and Fernander but there is no alley.

The alley is in the backyard of the homes.

There is a lot of sidewalk construction activity on Littlepage from Goodman to Kilpatrick? Is that part of this project?

No, that is a neighborhood improvement project.

How long will the water be turned off?

The water should not be off more than 30 minutes when your service is transferred from the existing water line to a temporary water line, and when the service is transferred from

the temporary line to your new service line. The temporary water line is connected to the fire hydrant and to the home or business. That line is placed on top of the ground, along the curb. If the temporary line crosses a driveway, it will be covered with asphalt.

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 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.

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 WebEx 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 are planning to present the list of bids to the city council in November or December 2021 so they can award the bid for the contractor.

Do you select the contractor with the 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-horne-camp-bowie-west-vickery-infrastructure-improvements>. You can also go to www.FortWorthTexas.gov and enter "103123" 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.

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.

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