

**Horne Street – Camp Bowie to West Vickery –
Infrastructure Improvements
Community Construction Meeting**

Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. – Como Community Center

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1,126 evites were mailed; 36 were in attendance

Summary

Fort Worth Water will replace existing sanitary sewer mains and water mains in an area that includes homes, apartments, churches and businesses, as well as the Como Community Center and the Leadership Academy at Como Elementary.

The area is 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 Fort Worth Water Department's capital improvement project is in City Council District 3. Construction will impact the Como neighborhood association area.

Project Area

- Horne Street from Camp Bowie Boulevard to West Vickery Boulevard (water/sewer);
- Alley between Donnelly Avenue and Geddes Avenue from Horne Street to Halloran Street (sewer);
- Diaz Avenue from Horne Street to Bourine Street (water/sewer);
- Alley between Humbert Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue from Horne Street to Faron Street (sewer);
- Alley between Carver Drive and Helmick Avenue from Faron Street to 280 feet west (sewer);
- Faron Street from 150 feet south of the Faron Street/Helmick Avenue intersection to 330 feet south (sewer);
- Carver Drive from Horne Street to Faron Street (sewer);
- Alley between Carver Drive and Fernander Drive from Horne Street to Faron Street (sewer);
- Manhattan Drive from Horne Street to Wilmington Drive (water).

Why are we 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 or cast iron water service lines.

This project is being done because the existing water and sewer lines are in poor condition, and to facilitate the Transportation and Public Works Department's proposed streetscape improvements.

Do you replace the water service line up to my house?

We replace the City-owned service line to the property line. We also replace the water meter and meter box and will repair impacted areas on your property. We do not replace the water line from the water meter to your home or business.

The service line from the water meter to your home or business is considered private plumbing and, in the event of a leak, repairs need to be done by a licensed plumber at the homeowners' expense.

Will you need access to our property?

This project is in the public right-of-way. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property, we will contact you.

Will 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. These switchovers are done during the day.

The contractor will knock on the door and let customers know when the water will be turned off. The transfer typically takes 30 minutes per house or business.

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

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

In the summer months, the continuous flow keeps the water from becoming stagnant in the aboveground line.

During the winter months, water must be continually flowing through the temporary line to keep the line from freezing. Customers should also keep their faucets dripping.

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

If you see water running down the street, do not turn it off

Before we can connect your services to the new water line, we have to flush the line.

The water flow – from flushing the line – will be continuous until the inspector gets the samples for that day. You will be connected to the new water main after two consecutive samples pass the bacteriological test.

When it is time to sample the water flowing through the new water main, the contractor will place traffic cones around the valve to prevent anyone from parking over the valve. Don't move the cones, don't park over the cones and do not turn off the water valve.

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 resulting from the contractor's activities during construction is the responsibility of the contractor.

Will water & sewer construction affect my irrigation?

The contractor has to cap irrigation lines before construction starts.

The contractor will ask property owners to turn on their irrigation systems so the sprinkler heads can be located and flagged.

The contractor will replace capped or damaged irrigation systems.

There are no restrictions on watering your *lawn if you are using a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose*. You can continue to water your lawn while construction is underway.

Are there restrictions on when we can water our lawns?

There are no restrictions on watering your *lawn if you are using a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose*. You can continue to water your lawn while construction is underway.

There are requirements. They include:

- No watering by irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- As we said above, watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose is allowed at any time, including during construction.

There is a twice-a-week *irrigation system or sprinkler schedule* with assigned days for all water customers.

- Monday: No watering allowed
- Tuesday and Friday: Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks and common areas) can water
- Wednesday and Saturday (even numbers): Residential addresses that end in 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8 can water
- Thursday and Sunday (odd numbers): Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 can water

Will there be lane closures during construction?

There will be one-lane closures when the contractor is installing the water and sewer lines. Signs will be posted to alert motorists.

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 p.m. or 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Will the City's trash truck be able to pick up my trash and recycling during construction?

If your side of the street is closed on your scheduled trash collection day, the contractor will take your trash and recycling carts to the opposite side of the street so the trash collection vehicle can pick it up.

What is the construction timeline for this project?

May 2022 is the projected start date for construction.

The sewer on Carver Drive and Faron Street will be replaced first. Then the contractor will replace the sewer in the four alleys (not necessarily in this order):

- Alley between Carver Drive and Helmick Avenue;
- Alley between Carver Drive and Fernander Drive;
- Alley between Donnelly Avenue and Geddes Avenue;
- Alley between Humbert Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue.

The contractor will work around the schedule for The Leadership Academy at Como Elementary and the Como Montessori.

The projected end date is late Fall of 2023.

How will we know when construction is starting?

Keep an eye on your front door for a door hanger from the City of Fort Worth. You will receive two door hangers.

- The first one says “Construction Starts in 7 days.”
- The second door hanger says “Construction Starts Tomorrow.”

The inspector will include his business card and contact information on the door hanger.

Where can we 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?

If it is an emergency - water main break/sewer backup - call 817-392-4477 and select Option 1. Option 1 is answered 24 hours a day.

If it is not an emergency, your call goes to the Water Call Center. The center staff responds to calls between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday. It is the same phone number, 817-392-4477.

The Water Call Center is closed on City holidays. Those holidays include Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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.



Are there other projects in the Como area that will impact us?

Yes, Transportation and Public Works has two projects in the Como area.

The Como Area Resurfacing project includes five lane miles of pavement on five street segments:

- Carver Drive from Hervie Street to Horne Street;
- Chariot Drive from West Vickery Boulevard to Horne Street;
- Littlepage Street from Camp Bowie Boulevard to Kilpatrick Avenue;
- Littlepage Street from Libbey Avenue to Humbert Avenue;
- Prevost Street from Lake Como Drive to West Vickery Boulevard.

The two City departments are working together to minimize the impact on customers. Resurfacing on Carver Drive will not start until Fort Worth Water has completed installing sewer from Horne Street to Faron Street. Construction on the remainder of the resurfacing started in mid-March 2022.

For questions on the Como Area Resurfacing contact:

- Islam Tariquil at 817-392-2486, Tariquil.Islam@fortworthtexas.gov.

The Horne Street Streetscape project is on Horne Street, from West Vickery Boulevard to Camp Bowie Boulevard. This TPW project includes:

- Changing the roadway from two lanes to three lanes in certain areas;
- Traffic signal improvements;
- Installing sidewalks and ADA ramps;
- Adding beautification elements – trees, bus pads and trash receptacles;
- And, on street parking along Horne from Camp Bowie to West Vickery Boulevard.

TPW plans to schedule a community meeting for the Horne Street Streetscape project in late April/May 2022.

For more about Horne Street Streetscape contact:

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