

# North Side and Stockyards Area Infrastructure Improvements

*In-person community construction meeting*  
Northside Community Center, 1100 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
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*This capital improvement project is in Fort Worth Council District 2.*

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Customers in the North Side neighborhood association and the Inter-District 2 Alliance will be impacted by construction.

*26 attended; 601 mailers were sent to the impacted areas*

## Summary

Existing water and sanitary sewer mains will be replaced in the North Side area bound by:

- NW 25th Street to the north
- North Grove Street to the east
- Jacksboro Highway to the south
- And, Grand Avenue to the west

## Why are we doing this project?

This project provides for the replacement of aging deteriorated sanitary sewer mains and cast iron water mains that are located within the project area.

The North Side and Stockyards Area Infrastructure Improvement project includes the replacement of approximately 6,200 linear feet of sewer pipe and 4,200 linear feet of cast iron water pipe.

Fort Worth has more than 800 miles of cast iron water mains in its system. The City has committed to replacing a minimum of 20 miles of cast iron pipe every year.

The streets in this project that have both water and sewer main replacements will be repaved with asphalt.

## Project Overview

Landmarks in this project area includes the Stockyards Station, Saunders Park, All Saints Catholic School, Manual Jara Elementary, Boys and Girls Club, Northside Inter-Community Agency (NICA), Marine Park, Northside Park, J.P. Elder Middle School and Maddox Park.

## Project Area

- Prairie Avenue from NW 20th Street to NW 23rd Street (water and sewer)
- NW 22nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Loving Avenue (water and sewer)
- Grand Avenue from NW 19th Street to 423 feet northeast (water and sewer)
- Ross Avenue from NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 250 feet north (water and sewer)
- NW 20th Street from Ellis Avenue to the dead end (sewer)
- North Commerce Street from NE 20th Street to NE 21st Street (water and sewer)
- NE 21st Street from North Grove Street to 200 feet west (water and sewer)
- North Grove Street from NE 21st Street to 80 feet south (water)
- Alley between Chestnut Avenue and Pearl Avenue from NW 23rd Street to NW 24th Street (sewer)

- Alley between Homan Avenue and Harrington Avenue from 19th Street to 820 feet southeast (sewer)
- Alley between Harrington Avenue and Lagonda Avenue from 80 feet southeast of Park Street to 220 feet southeast (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)
- 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 440 feet south (sewer)
- Alley between North Commerce Street and North Calhoun Street from NE 22nd Street to 400 feet south (sewer)
- Alley south of NW 20th Street from NE 20th Street to 50 feet southwest (sewer)

### **Does the City need access to our property?**

Construction will be in the streets and alleys. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property we will contact you.

### **Will I have access to my driveway?**

The inspector and the contractor will work with residents who need driveway access during active construction hours.

### **Do we get new curb and gutter?**

The City will replace the part of your driveway that is in the City right-of-way, which is referred to as the “apron” or “driveway approach.”

Existing curb and gutter – that has been removed as part of construction - will be replaced once the water and sanitary sewer mains are in place, and, the service lines are connected to the new mains.

### **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.

### **How does the temporary water line impact my home, business 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 above-ground 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.

### **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 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 is the owner's responsibility to maintain.

### **Will traffic lanes be closed during construction?**

The contractor will need to close lanes in order to install the water and sewer mains. The hours of construction are 7 am to 6 pm, Monday - Friday and, if requested by the contractor, 9 am to 4 pm – or 5 pm- on Saturdays. Signs will be posted to alert motorists.

### **What happens if my property is damaged?**

Your property will be restored after construction is complete. The contractor will take pictures and video of the property before breaking ground. We also encourage property owners to take pictures and video (with a date stamp) of their property prior to construction. Damage resulting from the contractor's activities during construction is the responsibility of the contractor.

### **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.

### **How will we know construction is starting?**

If you live in an area impacted by the construction you will receive 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/her business card and contact information on the door hanger.

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

Construction will begin March 6, 2023. The first segment on the schedule is the alley between Chestnut Avenue and Pearl Avenue from NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The project is expected to wrap up in the late summer/early fall of 2024.

### **We have to flush the water lines before you can connect**

Before the contractor can connect your services to the new water line we have to flush the line. The water flow – from flushing the line – is continuous until the inspector gets the samples for that day. Two consecutive samples have to pass the bacteriological test. Once the samples pass, your services will be connected.

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

Go to [www.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov) and type in the project number – 2719 - in the search bar on the home page. That will take you to the North Side and Stockyards Area Infrastructure Improvements project page.

To get project page updates, scroll down to the bottom of the project page and click on "Subscribe to this page."

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

### Emergencies

Water main breaks, sewer backups - 24 hours a day

817-392-4477, [Select Option 1](#)

### Water Call Center (non-emergency)

7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday

817-392-4477

Closed City holidays

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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