

Rosemont, Shaw Clarke & Worth Heights Area Lead Replacement & Infrastructure Improvements WebEx Community Construction meeting

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Summary:

This is a virtual WebEx community construction meeting. We had an in-person design meeting scheduled for March 30, 2020 that was canceled due to COVID-19.

The Rosemont, Shaw Clarke and Worth Heights Lead Replacement and Infrastructure Improvement project is also known as Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2019 WSM-B, City Project Number 102169.

This construction impacts customers in the Las Familias de Rosemont, Shaw Clarke and Worth Heights neighborhood associations.

What streets are impacted?

Fort Worth Water is replacing seven existing water lines and one sanitary sewer line, removing City-owned lead service lines, and restoring the pavement with asphalt. This area is bound by Wayside Avenue to the west, West Devitt Street to the north, Union Pacific Railroad to the east and West Anthony Street to the south. There are two parks – Rosemont and Victory Forest – adjacent to the construction.

The affected streets include:

- Wayside Avenue from West Butler Street to West Dickson Street (water)
- Townsend Drive from West Devitt Street to West Biddison Street (water)
- Woodland Avenue from College Avenue to South Henderson Street (water)
- West Drew Street from Hemphill Street to 6th Avenue (water)
- West Malta Avenue from College Avenue to the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way (water)
- Flint Street from College Avenue to the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way (water)
- 5th Avenue from West Butler Street to West Dickson Street (water)
- Travis Avenue from Flint Street to Anthony Street (sewer).

Why are you doing this project?

Replacing city-owned lead service lines is the primary reason for undertaking this project. Fort Worth Water's goal is to eliminate the publicly owned portion of all lead service lines in calendar year 2021. There are a total of 85 identified City-owned lead service lines in this project. The addresses include Flint, Wayside, Drew, Townsend, Woodland, 5th Avenue, Malta and Hemphill.

When will construction start? Which street will be under construction first?

Our contract start date is February 8, 2021. Construction is done in phases, meaning the contractor is not working on Wayside, Townsend, Woodland, Drew, Malta, Flint, 5th Avenue and Travis at the same time.

Right now, Gra-Tex Utilities plans to start preparations to replace the water line in Townsend Drive - from West Devitt Street to West Biddison Street - on February 8. Work on the water line in Woodland Avenue - from College Avenue to 6th Avenue - is expected to start in May 2021. Wayside is expected to be the third street, followed by 5th Avenue, Flint Street and Travis Avenue, West Drew Street, and West Malta Street.

The sequencing of the phasing is subject to change and construction may take longer than anticipated. These are estimates.

What are the hours for construction?

Typically construction crews work 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. This can vary. Sometimes a contractor will need to do a night-time water shut-out to allow the crews to tie services in to the new water main. A contractor may ask to work on Saturday. If that request is granted, the contractor does not start before 8 a.m.

How will you notify us that construction is starting?

The contractor will put door hangars on your front door seven days before and one day prior to the start of construction. If you have any extenuating circumstances or have questions about the construction, please call 817-392-8306.

Is the work going to be done in the street?

All of these water lines are in the street. We will have a traffic control plan – which will include lane closures – in place for construction. This project uses the open cut method, which means the contractor will dig a trench to a certain depth to install the water lines and sewer line. Those trenches will be covered when the contractor's crews are not on scene. The sewer line on Travis Avenue is located in the street.

Will I be able to get in and out of my driveway/street?

The contractor's plan will include a way for residents and customers to enter and exit their street.

Will my new street be asphalt or concrete?

All streets will be replaced with an asphalt overlay.

Will you turn off my water during construction?

A temporary water line will be installed so customers will continue to have water. The water will be turned off briefly (15-30 minutes) when service is transferred from the existing line to a temporary water line, then again when the service is transferred from the temporary to the new water line.

Will our sewer service be disrupted?

Sanitary sewer service will not be interrupted on Travis Street. New sewer cleanouts will be installed at the property line. The sewer cleanout provides crews easy access if a backup or blockage occurs.

Will the trash trucks still be able to pick up trash during construction?

Yes, the traffic control plan will allow for one lane to be open during construction.

Are we getting new driveways and sidewalks?

The city's contractor will install a new driveway approach, which is in the city right-of-way. The city does not go past the city-owned right-of-way. If you currently have a single driveway that driveway approach will be built for a single driveway. If you have a double driveway that driveway will be built for a double driveway. The contractor will talk to the property owner prior to doing the drive approach. ADA ramps and sidewalks will also be replaced in this project.

What happens if the contractor damages my property?

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?

If there are irrigation lines in the construction area, 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.

How do you determine that a service line is lead? The Field Operations crews and Meter Services crews do what is called a scratch test of the pipe to determine if the material is lead.

What part of the water line is made of lead?

The City side of the service line starts at the main in the middle of the street and goes to the customer's meter. With these lead replacement projects, the City side of the service line is lead. The customer's side of the service goes from the meter to the house and includes all plumbing inside the house. It is possible that other plumbing materials – pipe, solder or brass fittings or fixtures – inside the house may contain lead. Property owners may need to hire a plumber to determine if there are lead plumbing materials in the home.

Why are other streets not included in 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.

How were customers notified?

Customers received a mailer inviting them to the January 11 virtual WebEx community construction meeting. Those directly impacted by the removal of city-owned lead service lines were also notified via letter in February 2020 and December 2020. See an excerpt of those letters below.

*The City-owned part of the service line on your property at **(insert address)** is lead. The city will be replacing the service line, meter, and meter box and patching the street cut as part of the Rosemont, Shaw Clarke & Worth Heights Area Lead Replacement and Infrastructure Improvements project. Fort Worth Water is hosting a virtual community meeting on Monday, January 11, at 6 p.m. You will receive a mailer before the meeting with instructions on how to participate. Construction is planned to start on February 8, 2021.*

The service line connects your home to the water main. Ownership of the service line is shared. The city owns the portion from the main to the meter, including the meter. The property owner is responsible for the portion from the meter to the house, plus the private plumbing inside the home. We will have more information at the meeting to explain the ownership.

Your side of the service line is (copper, galvanized or PEX). It is possible that other plumbing materials – pipe, solder or brass fittings or fixtures – inside this property may

contain lead. You may need to hire a plumber to determine if there are lead plumbing materials in the home.

The water department is offering a FREE test to determine the lead levels in your drinking water. Call 817-392-4477. We 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. Additional information is on our website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/water/lead>.

How is this project funded?

This capital improvement project is funded through the Water and Sewer Fund and Transportation and Public Works General Capital Projects Fund.

Am I getting a new water meter?

Yes, the City has been installing new advanced water meters in construction and development projects for the past few years. If your meter has not already been replaced, you will get a new water meter if the existing water lines are being replaced on your street.

To learn more about the new water meters please go to the My H2O frequently asked questions at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/water/myh2o> on the City of Fort Worth website.

Is there a City website page for this project?

Yes,

https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/CFW_RosemontShawClarkeWorthHeightsLead.

Maps, the link to the YouTube video of the January 11 Community WebEx meeting and the meeting summary/frequently asked questions will be added to that project page. The project's estimated end date will be updated monthly.

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