

TCU Area Lead Replacement and Infrastructure Improvements
Virtual WebEx Community Construction meeting
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*Due to COVID-19 we regret that we could not host
an in-person community construction meeting.*

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Fifteen residents participated

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Affected area:

The Fort Worth Water Department is replacing existing water and sanitary sewer lines, removing City-owned lead service lines, and repaving streets in the TCU area. Water and sanitary sewer will also be replaced on Chedlea Avenue. The affected streets include:

- McPherson Avenue from Lubbock Avenue to Sandage Avenue (water);

- Lubbock Avenue from McPherson Avenue to West Cantey Street (water & sewer);
- Merida Avenue from McPherson Avenue to West Cantey Street (water);
- Alley between Merida Avenue and Sandage Avenue from West Cantey Street to McPherson Avenue (sewer);
- Alley between Princeton Street and West Cantey Street from Greene Avenue to Parmer Avenue (sewer);
- West Bowie Street from Merida Avenue to Sandage Avenue (water);
- Wabash Avenue from Park Hill Drive to West Cantey Street (water);
- Lamesa Place from Benbrook Boulevard to Rogers Avenue (water & sewer);
- Rogers Avenue from Benbrook Boulevard to West Biddison Street (water);
- Chedlea Avenue from Kingswood Drive to Wallingford Drive (water & sewer).

Summary:

This is the construction community meeting. We hosted a design community meeting for this project on January 13, 2020.

TCU Area Lead is also known as Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2019, WSM-A. The project number is 102168.

The improvement project impacts the neighborhood associations of Wedgwood Square, University West, University Place, Bluebonnet Hills and Frisco Heights.

Questions:

Why are you doing this project?

Fort Worth Water's goal is to replace the publicly owned portion of all lead service lines by 2021. There are a total of 64 identified City-owned lead service lines in this project. Letters were sent to residences that are impacted by the city-owned lead service lines. Those letters were mailed in December 2019 and again in October 2020 to addresses on Wabash, Rogers, Merida and Lubbock.

What part of the water line is 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. 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 blocks 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. Replacing the city-owned service lines is the primary reason for undertaking this project.

When do you expect construction to start?

The contractor will be in the area starting November 16. Construction is done in phases. The phasing is subject to change, but right now the contractor plans to start on Chedlea Avenue on November 16. Water and sanitary sewer lines should be installed by February and the street will be repaved with asphalt. The projected end date for work on Chedlea is March 2021.

The next two streets are projected to be Lamesa Place and Wabash Avenue. Start dates are February 2021 with projected end dates of July 2021 for Wabash and October 2021 for Lamesa. Again, the sequencing of the phasing is subject to change and construction may take longer than anticipated. These are estimates.

How will I be notified that construction is starting on my street?

All property owners will be alerted to pending construction of the water and sanitary sewer lines, as well as repaving, via 7-day door hangers and 1-day (tomorrow) door hangers.

Am I getting a new driveway?

The city's contractor will remove and replace non-functional and or broken driveway approaches, which are 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, then the driveway approach will be built for a double driveway. The contractor will talk to the property owner prior to doing the driveway approach.

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. New sewer cleanouts will be installed at the property line. The sewer cleanout provides crews easy access if a backup or blockage occurs.

Where is the work going to be done?

The sanitary sewer lines are in the alleys and in three streets and the water lines are in the streets. The contractor will use the open cut method on the streets and alleys, with

the exception of the southern half of the segment of the alley between Merida and Sandage. When we use the open cut method, customers see an open trench that is three-four feet wide in the middle of the street. The trench will be covered when the crews are not working on the line. Customers will have access to their homes with minimal disruption.

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.

Will my street be resurfaced after the lines are replaced?

During construction we will have temporary asphalt. All streets will be resurfaced with an asphalt overlay.

I have a vehicle that is parked on the street and a vehicle that is in the alley. Will I be able to get both vehicles in and out of my neighborhood during construction?

The contractor will work to accommodate residents during the water line replacement in the street. There will be open trenches in all but one segment of the alleys so you will not be able to park vehicles in the alleys during construction.

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 or damaged irrigation systems.

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.

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. 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.

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