

Westcliff and Westcliff West Area Water and Sewer Improvements WebEx virtual community design meeting

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17 residents participated

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Summary

This is a virtual community design meeting. The Westcliff and Westcliff West Water and Sewer Improvement project is also known as City Project Number 103421.

This project impacts customers in the Westcliff neighborhood association and the Westcliff West neighborhood association.

Why are you doing this project?

Fort Worth Water prioritizes water and sewer line replacements based on available data, which includes:

- Water main break history
- Leak history
- CCTV (closed circuit TV inspection)
- Age of the line
- Line material
- Lead service lines
- Cast iron service lines

These lines were selected because the water lines are made of cast iron and the sewer lines are deteriorating.

Project Overview

Water lines will be replaced on nine streets. Sewer lines will be replaced in one street and in four easements.

The project area is bound by South Hills Avenue to the north, Manderly Place to the south, Bellaire Circle to the west and Carolyn Road to the east. Landmarks include WP McLean Middle School, Westcliff Shopping Center, Trail Lake Montessori Preschool, Westcliff Elementary School and the Westcliff Park Apartments.

Project Area

- Trail Lake Drive from South Hills Avenue to Manderly Place (water and sewer)
- Norfolk Road from Brighton Road to Carolyn Road (water)
- Carolyn Road from Brady Avenue to South Hills Avenue (water)
- Dryden Road from Brighton Road to Trail Lake Drive (water)
- Brighton Road from Bellaire Circle to Trail Lake Drive (water)
- Easement between Brighton Road and Somerset Lane from Bellaire Circle to east 914 feet (sewer)
- South Hills Avenue from Bellaire Circle to Carolyn Rd (water)
- Easement between Winslow Drive and Trail Lake Drive from south 170 feet from Suffolk Drive to south 65 feet (sewer)
- Easement north of Suffolk Drive from Trail Lake Drive to west 605 feet (sewer)
- Suffolk Drive from Winslow Drive to Trail Lake Drive (water)
- Easement between Suffolk Drive and Manderly Place from Trail Lake Drive to west 1,260 feet (sewer)
- Manderly Place from Winslow Drive to Trail Lake Drive (water)
- Anita Avenue from Corto Avenue to Suffolk Drive (water)

A street by Westcliff Elementary has been closed off for quite some time. Can you tell us – for each segment – how long you are talking about it being under construction?

Usually the first street takes about two weeks to install the water or sewer and then put down temporary pavement. We will pave the full width of the road so we will put down temporary pavement, then pulverize and overlay with new asphalt. If there is a water meter in your driveway we will be relocating those meters out of the driveways then we will replace the driveway approach.

Are we getting new curb and gutter?

We will replace curb and gutter that is damaged during construction.

Are drainage improvements included in this project?

We reached out to the stormwater division but they do not have any improvements planned for the South Hills Avenue at Trail Lake Drive intersection.

What do you do if trees are damaged?

When our engineering design consultant submits plans to us we submit them to Craig Fox, the city forester, so that he is aware of the area that is being impacted. If a tree needs to be removed we go through Craig and he makes that decision. His contact information is 817-392-5729 or email Craig.Fox@FortWorthTexas.gov.

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 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.

Will you need access to our property?

Construction will be in the streets and easements. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property we will contact you. If an easement is needed for your property, a city land agent will be contacting you soon.

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 I have access to my driveway?

An inspector will be assigned to the project when we are ready to start construction. The inspector and the contractor will work with residents who need driveway access during active construction hours.

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.

Will there be lane closures during construction?

Yes, signs will be posted to alert motorists.

What are the hours of construction?

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 pm or 5 pm on Saturdays.

What is the timeline for this project?

This project is still in the design phase. We expect to finalize the design, advertise for bids, and select a contractor before Spring 2024. We will host a community construction meeting after we have a contractor on board.

When is your anticipated start date for construction?

We are working on acquiring easements. Our land agent - Austen Lopes has been in contact with landowners. You can call him at 817-392-2567 or email Austen.Lopes@FortWorthTexas.gov. We could start construction in the Spring of 2024 but it really depends on acquiring those easements.

Where can I get more information?

Go to www.FortWorthTexas.gov and type in the project number – 103421- in the search bar on the home page. Westcliff and Westcliff West Area Water and Sewer Improvements will pop up.

To get project page updates, scroll down to the bottom of the project page and click on “Subscribe to this page.” The link to the project summary/frequently asked questions will be linked to this project page.

How do I report an emergency or non-emergency?

The 24-hour phone number for emergencies – water main breaks and sewer backups is 817-392-4477. Select Option 1.

Call the same phone number – 7 a.m.to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday - but do not select Option 1. This is the Water Call Center. The non-emergency number is not answered on 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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