

# Blue Mound Water Main Relocation Capital Improvement Project

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*This project is also known as FM-156 from US 81/287 to Watauga Road Water Improvements, City Project Number 101682. The website link is <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-BlueMoundRoadWaterMainRelocation>.*

**Why are you doing this project?** The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) is reconstructing and widening FM156 (Blue Mound Road) from U.S. 81/Highway 287 south to Watauga Smithfield Road. This project has also been identified and specifically listed in Mobility 2040: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas, developed by NCTCOG.

Conflicts were discovered with the proposed road and drainage construction, so the Fort Worth Water Department will relocate four water main crossings between Heritage Trace Parkway and East Bailey Boswell Road. The affected crossings include:

- Blue Mound Road at Heritage Trace Parkway
- Blue Mound Road at Copper Crossing
- Blue Mound Road at Harmon Road
- Blue Mound Road at East Bailey Boswell Road.

Vault/structure adjustments are also slated for:

- Blue Mound Road at Western Center Boulevard
- Blue Mound Road at Basswood Boulevard
- Blue Mound Road at East Harmon Road
- Blue Mound Road between Copper Crossing and Heritage Trace Parkway.

This project also includes extending a water line from the dead end of Black Sumac Drive southwest to East Bailey Boswell Road, ending just east of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (Council District 7 and the City of Saginaw).

**Who will be impacted?** This project impacts customers in Fort Worth's Liberty Crossing, Chisholm Ridge, Creekwood and Santa Fe Trails neighborhood associations as well as the City of Saginaw and Saginaw High School. Northwest Community Park, 8575 Blue Mound Road, is adjacent to the project area.

#### **Do you know when construction will start?**

Three entities – the Texas Department of Transportation, City of Fort Worth's Transportation and Public Works, and the City of Fort Worth's Water Department - are working in the Blue Mound Road area. Fort Worth Water is starting its construction in September 2021. The current projected end date is July 2022.

#### **How were customers notified about this project?**

These frequently asked questions were emailed to the neighborhood associations. Businesses who were directly impacted by the construction were notified as was the City of Saginaw. If it is applicable, the contractor will notify impacted customers of pending construction by placing a door hanger on the front door of homes/businesses seven days prior to the start of construction and again one day before the start of construction.

#### **Is the street going to be closed during construction?**

The traffic control plan for Fort Worth Water's relocations do call for lane closures. Traffic control will be in place. There will also be some open cut construction, meaning

customers will see an open trench. The trench will be covered when the crews are not working on the relocation.

### **Will this relocation affect our water service?**

These are water mains that are being relocated. The main is connected to the service lines which provide the water for the homes and businesses. There will be a brief period of time when the current water service is switched over to a temporary line, and then again when the water service is switched from the temporary line over to the relocated water main. These generally will be done during the night time hours to avoid peak demand times.

### **What will the citizens see during construction?**

The businesses and residents will see piles of excavated material and large diameter steel pipe used to encase the proposed water lines. The depth of this work will range from 10 feet to as deep as 20 feet. The holes will be covered with plates when the crews are not on scene.

### **Will any entrances to our businesses or neighborhoods be closed during construction?**

The majority of the work will be completed within the Texas Department of Transportation's right of way so the potential for closing any entrances is minimal.

### **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 p.m./5 p.m. on Saturdays.

### **How will I be notified that construction is starting?**

If you are directly impacted the contractor will hang 7-day door hangars and 1-day door hangars on the front doors to alert you to pending construction. You will also see traffic control on site where the construction is active.

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