

Monticello, Linwood and Westside Area Water and Sewer Improvements Community WebEx Design Meeting

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1,375 evites mailed; 10 residents participated

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Summary

This project is in Council District 7 and Council District 9. The construction may impact the Monticello neighborhood association, Linwood neighborhood association and the Westside Alliance.

Existing water and sewer mains will be replaced in an area bound by White Settlement Road to the north, University Drive to the east, West 5th Street to the south and Virginia Place to the west. Area landmarks include several apartment complexes and condominiums, Monticello Park Tennis Courts, Rivercrest Country Club and the UNT Health Center.

What streets are impacted?

Council District 7 and Council District 9

- West 4th Street from University Drive to Monticello Drive (water)
- West 5th Street from University Drive to Bailey Avenue (water)
- Hamilton Avenue from University Drive to Virginia Place (water)

Council District 7

- West 5th Street from Monticello Drive to Arch Adams Street (water)
- Virginia Place from Monticello Drive to Potomac Avenue (water)
- Lenox Drive from Dorothy Lane to Potomac Avenue (water)
- Easement between Monticello Drive and Hamilton Avenue from Dorothy Lane to west 851 feet (sewer)
- Easement between Lenox Drive and West 4th Street from Dorothy Lane to west 683 feet (sewer)
- Easement between Lenox Drive and West 4th Street from Potomac Avenue south 195 feet to Potomac Avenue north 185 feet (sewer)
- Easement between Lenox Drive and West 4th Street from 280 feet northwest of the Potomac Avenue/West 4th Street Intersection to west 340 feet (sewer)
- Easement between Hamilton Avenue and Potomac Avenue from Lenox Drive to Monticello Drive (sewer)

Why is Fort Worth Water doing 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 or cast iron service lines.

In this instance, the project was created because of the cast iron pipe initiative the City of Fort Worth is implementing to remove and replace old deteriorated cast iron water mains in the system. We are also replacing deteriorating sanitary sewer pipe.

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. In the event of a leak, repairs need to be done by a licensed plumber at the homeowners' expense.

Will you need access to our property?

This construction is in the public right-of-way and or in utility easements. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property, we will contact you prior to the start of construction.

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 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 water line impact my home and my water bill?

The temporary water line insures that you are not without water during construction.

Water must be continually flowing through the temporary line – which is above ground – during the winter months to keep the line from freezing. Customers should also keep their faucets dripping.

In the summer months, the continuous flow keeps the water from becoming stagnant in the above-ground line.

The bill for your water usage while you are on the temporary line is based on an average of the previous months' usage.

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.

What happens if my property is damaged?

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 starts. The contractor will restore the property to its original condition.

Will 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.

Are there restrictions on when we can water our lawns?

Yes, the requirements include:

- No watering by irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.;
- Watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose *is allowed at any time*;
- A twice-a-week irrigation system or sprinkler schedule with assigned day for all water customers
 - Monday – no watering allowed
 - Tuesday and Friday – Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks and common areas)
 - Wednesday and Saturday (even numbers) – Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
 - Thursday and Sunday (odd numbers) – Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 9

What is the timeline for this project?

The current projected end date is November 2023. We are still in the design stage so that date will change as we get in to construction. The next steps include:

- Advertising for bids for construction
- Opening the bids

- City council approval to award the bid to the contractor
- Pre-construction meeting with the contractor and inspector
- Community construction meeting to update those who will be impacted by the project.

Where can I get more information?

Progress will be updated on the City of Fort Worth website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-monticello-linwood-and-westside-area-water-and-sewer-improvements>.

You can also go to www.FortWorthTexas.gov and enter “103419” in the search bar on the home page.

The link to this meeting video, the project map, and the project summary/frequently asked questions will be linked to this project 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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