

Oakland-Wide Community Meeting

Minutes: June 29th, 2021

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority Updates on Central Oakland Water

Presenting: Mora McLaughlin, Construction Communications Project Manager

PWSA will be replacing water mains in Central Oakland to upgrade aging infrastructure and improve water quality. The work is being contracted with Folino Construction, Inc. The water mains that were selected to be replaced was determined due to age, diameter, or previous damage. They will replace any lead service lines attached to the mains. Affected streets and sidewalks will be restored afterwards. The impacted streets are:

- Parkview Avenue (Semple Street - Boulevard of the Allies)
- Oakland Avenue (Bates Street - Dawson Street)
- Pier Street (Oakland Avenue - Bouquet Street)
- Mckee Place (Forbes Avenue - Bates Street)
- Coltart Avenue (Forbes Avenue - Louisa Street)
- Chesterfield Road (5th Avenue - Terrace Place)
- Ophelia Street (Hamlet Street - Craft Place)

Work will be done in phases, with one or two sections done at a time. Work will begin in mid-July and end by the winter of 2021/2022. They will inspect service line materials, install the new water mains, install the new service lines, and then restore the sidewalks and streets. There may be delay between work and the restoration process. Work will be completed during the weekdays between 7AM and 6PM. Streets will be closed, detour signs will be posted, and no-parking signs will be posted 48 hours prior to work. The lead service line replacements on private property will be done at no cost to the property owner. Permission is needed by the owner to enter the home and complete work. If they do not sign an agreement to this work, then PWSA is required to terminate water service until a replacement is completed.. The restoration will be as minimally disruptive as possible on private properties. A homeowner or a representative need to be present during the replacement. PWSA will backfill, but not restore anything that may be disturbed by replacement.

Q: Will cobblestone be restored, like on Chesterfield?

A: Yes.

Q: Will adjacent blocks being affected?

A: There are instances where new main lines need connected to existing lines. This may close intersections for 1-2 days.

Q: Will PWSA be coordinating the work that will be occurring on Chesterfield and Louisa with the city?

A: They are not aware at the moment, but will look into it.

Q: Will there be loud construction at 7AM?

A: Contractors will arrive and prepare in the morning and will try not to be disruptive at that time.

Q: Is there any word on work being done on St. James Way or Lawn Street for damage and ongoing sinkhole issues?

A: They will look into this.

Q: Will there be any parking accommodation during water main work on streets?

A: No additional parking accommodations will be made during construction.

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