



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work is progressing as planned on the 5th Avenue South improvement project. As of Thursday, May 9th the Contractor has completed installation of the new 12” water main between Southview Boulevard and 5th St. S. In addition, new hydrants have been installed at the intersections of 5th Avenue and 4th St. S. and 5th Avenue and 5th St. S.

The section of water main between Southview Boulevard and 3rd Street South has passed both pressure and bacteria testing, and the Contractor will begin installation of the new water services for that block over the next week. The remaining two blocks (from 3rd to 5th) will be tested next week. Assuming all tests pass, installation of new water services could begin on those blocks within the next few weeks.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

The Contractor will be installing individual service lines from the new water main to each property. It is our intent to replace services to the old curb stop or to as close to the property line as possible without impacting private retaining walls, trees, private sidewalks, etc. Water service to each house will be interrupted independently as each service is switched over to the new main. The Contractor will notify residents verbally and provide an estimated window of time when your water service will be interrupted. If you have any questions please call one of the numbers in the contact section on back.




The Contractor has indicated an additional pipe crew may assist in the service installation next week so there may be more equipment and manpower working in the relatively small area. Please try to avoid the work areas if at all possible for safety reasons. The contractor will also likely be working on removal of old abandoned gas main and storm sewer work within the first phase of the project.

Please Note: The Contractor will be working around the active watermain facilities while they are installing the new watermain. When working around these live facilities there is always the possibility that a line could be hit or damaged which would require an emergency shutdown of the water system. **If this occurs we will not be able to provide notice as these shut-downs are not planned.** We would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in those cases.

SAFETY FIRST



The Contractor will posted signs at the alley entrances last week to notify motorists that no through traffic is allowed. Please note that alley speed limits are 10 mph and there may be more activity in the alleys due to the construction out front.

Use caution around the work site during the construction. Large and small construction equipment will be working in the area during the street improvements and it can be a powerful draw to curious children (of all ages). Remember to stay clear of construction equipment. Your patience and cooperation during this construction is appreciated. 

PROJECT CONTACTS & INFORMATION

- For construction related questions or concerns, during the hours the Contractor is working, please call the project representatives:
 - Tom Madigan (Lead Inspector) at (651) 554-3212
 - Mat Steely (Inspector) at (612) 636-7825
 - Lee Elfering, City Engineer, at (651) 554-3210 (Monday-Friday, 8 – 4:30)
 - After hours or on weekends you can leave a message to receive a follow-up call on the next business day at (651) 554-3210
 - Emergency after work hours, call 911
- For general project related questions, call (651) 554-3210 (Monday – Friday, 8 – 4:30)
- The project website will be used for posting construction newsletters and relevant information. The website address is <https://5thaves.com/> . Sign up to be e-mailed the newsletter!



OTHER IMPORTANT WATER INFORMATION

The City has sent out letters to all properties along the roadway informing residents of the existence of lead water services in the project area. Some of these residents have already begun replacing their lead services. However, there may be others lead services that we are unaware of. As the Contractor is performing the watermain work, we will determine the material type for each water service as we encounter it. If we encounter any indication of a lead water service to a property, that property owner will be notified.

The City will be replacing every water service from the City's main to the curb stop as part of the project. The replacement or work on the water service line from the curb stop to the house is the responsibility of the property owner. If a lead service exists to a residence, we would strongly recommend the property owner replace the remaining portion of the water service. However, the decision to replace is up to each property owner.

Should you choose to replace your service, each property owner would need to obtain a Contractor for completing the work of replacing their water service from the curb stop to the house. **The City does have programs at this time to help residents with the cost of replacing lead services, and due the impacts of our construction project you will likely be able to replace the service at less cost at this time rather than in the future after the road work is done.** If you have any questions on lead water services or if you would like more information on the cost saving programs the City has at this time, please call the City Engineer at the number below or look on the City's website.