

Replacement of Water and Sewer Mains

- Florence Ave from S 51st St to Baltimore Ave
- 49th St from Florence Ave to Beaumont St
- Beaumont St from S 49th St to 48th St
- Pentridge St from 51st St to 50th St
- 50th St from Pentridge St to Florence Ave
- Saint Bernard St from Warrington Ave to Florence Ave

The mains that carry water to and wastewater from houses and businesses on these streets are approaching the end of their useful life. Breakages and system failures can present significant inconvenience and water service disruption to customers. PWD is proactively installing new water and sewer mains below the streets to increase service reliability. These new mains will be “right-sized”, meaning PWD will install the most appropriately-sized pipe by today’s standards, to meet the needs of its customers. In the case of sewer line improvements, these improvements will also lead to less chance of sewer back-ups during rain events.

Coordination with organizations such as PECO, PGW and telecommunications companies like Verizon and Comcast is on-going during the construction. This cooperative approach minimizes inconvenience and potential future service disruptions.

Important Project Facts

- Work will be conducted in 10 blocks in University City.
- The project will provide more reliable service for domestic and fire department needs.
- Work will be staged to minimize impact to the surrounding neighborhood.
- Anticipated start date: July 2014
- Anticipated duration: Unknown as of 12-2014

Community Benefits Analysis

Economic Gains

- Reduced maintenance & repair costs
- Minimize property damage & Inconvenience caused by a main break

Environmental Benefits

- Fewer sewer back-ups
- Reduced water losses with new mains

Leadership

- Collaboration with SEPTA, PECO, & PGW



Rendering of completed PWD facilities beneath 48th St & Beaumont St.

Frequently Asked Questions

With all construction there is some level of inconvenience. PWD is working to minimize these impacts. Please refer to the questions and answers below for commonly requested information:

Q: Will I lose water service during construction?

A: Minor disruptions of water service are necessary during construction. The loss of water service for 1-2 hours while house connections are made and for 4-8 hours while water main connections are completed are typical. Residents will be notified in advance when water service outages are scheduled.

Q: What are the hours of construction?

A: Typical construction hours are from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Q: How will construction affect traffic, sidewalk access and parking?

A: Street parking during hours of construction may be restricted. Temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted as needed. If parking restrictions are necessary, signs will be installed before the start of work indicating the dates and hours that the areas will be closed. Detour signs will be set up if it becomes necessary to close streets for an extended period. Trash collection will not be disrupted and should be placed out on normally scheduled collection days.

Q: How dusty will my street be during construction?

A: All construction work is subject to dirt and dust. We apologize for any inconvenience. The Contractor will do their best to maintain a clean work site.

Q: Will SEPTA service in the area be affected?

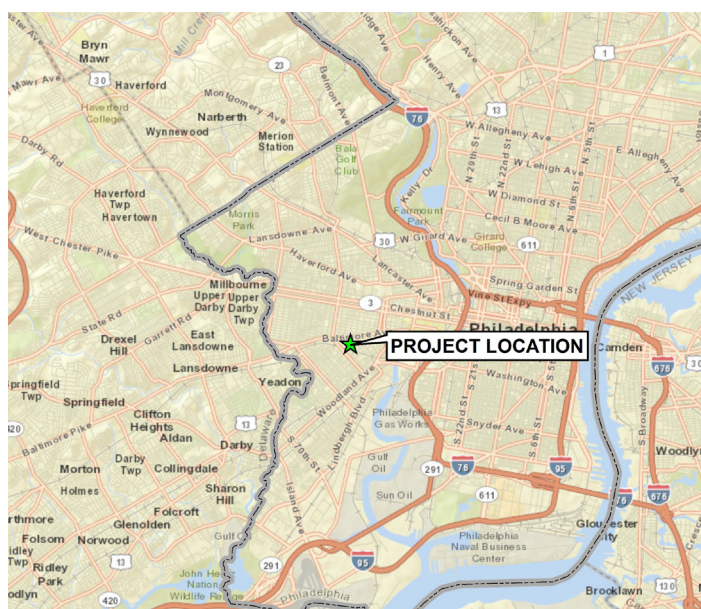
A: No interruptions to SEPTA service are anticipated.

Q: Who should I contact if I have a concern?

A: A PWD inspector will be on site during construction and he/she will be able to remedy any concern. A letter from the supersing engineer with contact information will be provided prior to start.

Still have questions?

Call 215-685-6300



City and street view of construction to be completed

