

Notice to Neighbors
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Sewer Rehabilitation Project Planned for a Portion of Chesapeake Avenue

Project Overview

In cooperation with the Cities of Hampton and Newport News, HRSD, your regional wastewater treatment utility, is planning to replace piping and valves along a portion of Chesapeake Avenue from the HRSD Pump Station to the Monitor Merrimac Overlook Park. This work straddles both Newport News and Hampton and will include the reconnection of two City of Newport News Pump Stations to the new pipeline. The new piping and valves will replace aging infrastructure, reducing the risk of pipe failures and increases system capacity which reduces the risk of sanitary sewer overflows during heavy rain events such as hurricanes or Nor'easters. This work has been coordinated to precede the City of Newport News managed, Chesapeake Avenue Beautification Project to minimize public impact but is not part of that project. The answers to some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are provided on the back of this notice.

Project Details

The work will take place within Cities of Newport News and Hampton right-of-ways. In the City of Newport News, the work zone will span from the Monitor Merrimac Overlook Park to Pear Avenue, along Chesapeake Avenue and will maintain two-way traffic. In the City of Hampton, Chesapeake Avenue portions will be closed, in phases, to thru traffic from Pear Avenue to Claremont Avenue with traffic being detoured around the construction activity. Residents in this area, directly affected by this work, will continue to have access to their residences. HRSD and the Cities have worked together to implement comprehensive traffic control plans to minimize inconvenience to the public.



Project Schedule

Staging: Mid to late September

Construction:

Hampton: August - May 2018.

Newport News: August - May 2018.

Restoration:

Immediately following construction

You also may visit

www.hrsd.com/ChesapeakeAveFM

for additional information and updates.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the project, please feel free to contact:

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Thank you for your support of this effort to help achieve HRSD's vision:

Future generations will inherit clean waterways and be able to keep them clean.

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Frequently Asked Questions Chesapeake Avenue Sewer Pipeline Replacement

Why is this project necessary?

A. This project will replace a concrete pipeline constructed in the 1940's, which currently conveys flow to the HRSD James River Treatment Plant, which will help ensure HRSD's ability to protect public health and the environment for decades to come.

Will the project affect the flow of traffic in the neighborhood?

A. Yes. Roads impacted during the open-cut (digging in the roadway) installation of the new force main include Claremont Avenue from the HRSD Pump Station, located at the Claremont and Chesapeake Avenue intersection, to the Monitor Merrimac Overlook Park. A comprehensive traffic control plan will be implemented to help to minimize inconvenience where possible. Two-way traffic will be maintained within the City of Newport News. Detours will be implemented during phased work within the City of Hampton and at the intersection of Pear Avenue and Chesapeake Avenue to assist motorists navigate safely around the construction.

Will access to properties along the route be maintained during construction?

A. Driveway access to individual residences may be temporarily impacted as construction proceeds along the street. The contractor will work with the residents to ensure they have access to their property. Trash and mail services will not be affected. If necessary, the contractor will move trash containers from within a work zone to an area accessible for pickup, and will be responsible for returning them to each residence. A portion of this work occurs within the Monitor Merrimac Overlook Park, and will be performed between Labor Day and Memorial Day. During this time the park will remain open, but parking will be limited.

What are the general working hours for the project?

A. Work will typically take place Monday through Friday during daylight hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.). However, there may be times when extended hours, work at night, or weekend work may be necessary.

Will there be any interruptions to my water or sewer service?

A. No. The location of the new force main was designed to keep the existing sewer system active during construction with no loss of service.

Will construction affect the existing pavement?

A. Where sewer pipes are dug up, asphalt, curb, gutters, medians, driveway aprons, and grass will be removed and then restored upon completion of the project. Once the new pipeline is in service, the older pipeline being replaced will be filled with cement like material so the pipe can be safely left in place to minimize additional disruptions.

What sort of noise should I expect during construction?

A. The typical construction noises such as equipment engines and back-up alarms, materials being delivered, diesel generators and air compressors, sawing and the like should be anticipated.

Will material and equipment be stored on-site?

A. The contractor will keep some equipment and supplies within the active work zone, in the public right-of-way. The contractor will negotiate with property owners for any storage area required outside of the right-of-way.

Where will construction workers park?

A. Construction workers will be allowed to park their personal vehicles on the public streets. However, work trucks, supplies and equipment will be allowed to park within the active work zone.

What is the cost of the project?

A. The estimated cost for the project is \$5 million, and is financed by the wastewater treatment fees paid by HRSD customers.

How can I receive regular project updates?

A. Regular project updates are posted on the HRSD website at www.hrsd.com/ChesapeakeAveFM.