



Project Update

Last Thursday, during the concrete removal and hydrant relocation phase of the Main Street Project, staff discovered a leak in the connection to the fire hydrant near Main Street and Elm Street. During repair of the fire hydrant connection, staff observed substantial deterioration to the hydrant stabilization rods and bolts. Staff also observed leaking at the valve attached to the water main in the location, with subsequent inspection showing the same deterioration to the bolts connecting the main to the valves. This Tuesday, staff relocated the hydrant at Main St and Walnut Street. The same type of deterioration in the valve bolts was noted along with substantial deterioration in the water pipe.

Our City Engineers have informed us that the condition of the Mains, Valves and/or other connections under Main Street, if not repaired now, will likely require repair and replacement within the next five years. Fortunately, the current phase of our project has work crews onsite that have the capacity to repair and replace our water main and related infrastructure which greatly reduces the cost and inconvenience to our community.

This water main and infrastructure repair and replacement process will require the City and County to close Main Street/ County Road 20 from Highway 55 to Elm Street for a period of approximately three weeks. We have already started working on a closure schedule that allows the most flexibility for through or cross traffic to avoid as much disruption to our community as possible. We are projecting the closure of Main Street to begin Wednesday, May 4th 2016.

During the road closure, Elm Street will be accessible and can be taken to Mechanic Street to access bridge

Street and Highway 55. Additionally, Ash Street can be used to access Highway 55 as well. We will continue to post updates on the City's website tracking our construction process which will also provide updated information on our construction schedule as we move forward. While this was an unanticipated complication to the Main Street Improvement Project, the three week closure of Main Street will allow us to stay on track with our estimated project completion date of August 1st 2016.

Properties located along Main St will still have access to buildings throughout this phase of the project. Vehicle access will be maintained throughout as well to local businesses and homes. All access issues should be coordinated with Steve Hegland at 612-741-6548.

Notifications went out this week to property owners affected by temporary water shutdowns on Monday and Tuesday of next week to notify them of valve replacements along the project limits. During these times, affected properties will be without water services for extended periods of the day.

Temporary water lines have been installed this week to provide temporary water service to properties whose regular water service will be affected by the main replacement. Project staff will be in communication with affected properties and will be coordinating transitions to the temporary water services prior to beginning the work.



Project Progress

Burschville Construction has completed the hydrant relocations and has completed a majority of the water service replacements.

Private Utility relocation work is continuing along Main St. CenterPoint Energy has completed their gas service relocation work.

Xcel Energy continues relocating overhead power poles and transitioning electrical services off of the poles along Main St to other facilities. Xcel anticipates their work to be completed the week of May 9th.

Centurylink has begun switching communication services off of the poles along Main St. They will continue transitioning communication services next week and should be completed the week of May 9th.

- Areas disturbed by small utility work will be restored to original conditions, once work is completed.
- Temporary service interruptions may occur during private utility relocation but these **WILL** be communicated with affected properties prior to occurring.

Upcoming Work

- During the week of May 2nd Burschville Construction will be replacing valves along the perimeter of the watermain replacement area. On Wednesday May 4th Burschville Construction will begin replacement of the watermain. The replacement of the watermain is expected to be completed and placed back in operation within the three week road shutdown period.

- After watermain placement is completed, Burschville Construction will continue removing pavement and sidewalk along Main St.
- Water services within the affected area will be transitioned to temporary water next week to ensure they have water service to their properties throughout the project. Burschville Construction will be connected affected properties to temporary water Tuesday May 5th.
- Xcel Energy will be onsite transitioning power services from the existing overhead lines running along main to new locations. Xcel will notify property owners prior to switching over power.

What can you do?

- It is the City's priority to maintain a safe environment during this project. Safety involves not only the City and the Contractors, but the residents as well. We ask that you:
 - Do not touch to move the temporary water system. Please notify city staff at 612-741-6548 with any issues with the system.
 - Stay a safe distance from equipment and excavations.
 - Drive with caution and do not cross into the construction area unless through an approved location. Obey construction signage.
 - Respect the construction notices with regards to parking and access to areas of the site.
- In an emergency, dial 911.
- Send your E-mail address to shegland@wenck.com to be included on future e-mails. Steve can be contacted at 612-741-6548 with questions about the project.