



**SPRINGFIELD WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 995, SPRINGFIELD, MA 01101**

Date of Issuance: July 23, 2021

Contact: Katie Shea
Communications Specialist
Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
Tel: 413-452-1311
Email: katherine.shea@waterandsewer.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Water Main Replacement Project

Massachusetts Avenue, between Wilbraham Road and King Street

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the replacement of a drinking water main on Massachusetts Avenue between Wilbraham Road and King Street. Construction will be performed by Borges Construction, Inc., on behalf of the Commission, as part of planned upgrades to prioritized areas of the drinking water distribution system.

Construction is anticipated to begin on Monday, July 26, 2021, and continue for approximately four months. Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 4 PM, weather dependent.

During construction hours, Massachusetts Avenue between Wilbraham Road and King Street will be closed to through traffic and detoured to adjacent streets. Residents are also advised that street side parking will be restricted within the construction area. Local traffic and access to the closed segment of Massachusetts Avenue will be managed with posted signs and police details.

The water mains in Massachusetts Avenue date back to the early 1900s, including a 6-inch main laid in 1902 and an 8-inch main laid in 1906, and are being replaced through the Commission's Water Infrastructure Improvements Program. As part of the renewal program the Commission regularly assesses water distribution system infrastructure, which includes miles of pipes that have been in service for 100 years or more, to proactively plan maintenance and construction projects. In addition to considering the age of the pipe, drinking water infrastructure is also prioritized by analysis of condition and material of the pipe and past water main breaks.

The Commission appreciates the patience of residents, businesses, pedestrians, and drivers while this important work is performed. Please contact the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission at 413-310-3501 with any



**SPRINGFIELD WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 995, SPRINGFIELD, MA 01101**

questions regarding this project. The locations and status of all Commission water and sewer system upgrade projects can also be found at: <https://waterandsewer.org/projects/>.

END