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Water Main Replacement Project

Massachusetts Avenue, between Wilbraham Road and King Street

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce a drinking water main replacement project on Massachusetts Avenue between Wilbraham Road and King Street will resume this spring. Construction is anticipated to begin on Monday, March 28, 2022, and continue through September 2022. Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 4 PM, weather dependent. Construction will be performed by Borges Construction, Inc., on behalf of the Commission.

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.

This project, initiated by the Commission in 2021, to replace water mains within Massachusetts Avenue that date back to 1902, was delayed due to material shortages amid the ongoing supply chain disruptions.

The Commission prioritizes pipes for replacement as part of the Commission's Water Infrastructure Improvements 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.



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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 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/>.

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