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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Birnie Avenue Water Improvement Project

On behalf of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission), Baltazar Construction will be performing necessary improvements to critical water infrastructure on Birnie Avenue between Huntington Street and Arch Street. The project is scheduled to begin on October 20, 2025, and continue through June 2026. Typical work hours are Monday – Friday, 7AM-4PM, weather dependent.

To perform necessary repair work and for the safety of pedestrians, vehicular traffic, and construction crews, partial road and sidewalk closures are planned.

Traffic impacts are as follows:

- The right lane and adjacent sidewalk along Birnie Avenue, from Huntington St. to Arch St. will be **closed** to thru traffic; the left lane and adjacent sidewalk will remain open.
- Pedestrian crossings and lane closures will be managed with posted signs, barriers, and police details.
- Pedestrian sidewalk access and crossings within the school zone around Arch St will remain open.
- Removable barrels will be used as work zone barriers in some locations to help maintain access.

This project targets a critical section of the drinking water distribution system and includes necessary improvements to safeguard water infrastructure and service reliability in the area. There are no expected impacts to residential water service as part of the project.

The Commission appreciates the patience of residents and businesses while this important work is performed. Customers may contact the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission at 413-310-3501 or email <a href="mailto:cfs@waterandsewer.org">cfs@waterandsewer.org</a> with any questions or if they need assistance. Any necessary updates will also be posted @SpfldWaterSewer on Facebook, X, and Instagram.

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