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N. Oviatt Street Waterline Improvement Project

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why is the project necessary? The City is replacing a failing, undersized cast iron water line that is over 100 years old in the N. Oviatt Street right of way. The work will be done between E. Streetsboro Street and Aurora Street. (see project map). The waterline has had 14 breaks over the last 20 years. In addition to reducing maintenance requirements and service interruptions to residents, the new water line will improve fire flows in the area. Also included in the project is the installation of additional electric conduit. This will allow for additional expansion or repairs of the electric system with minimal impact in the future.

How long will the project construction take to complete? The construction will take approximately 12-15 weeks, weather permitting. We anticipate construction beginning in the Summer 2021, with completion in Fall 2021.

Are there direct costs to residents or an assessment? There are no direct costs to the residents for the work located within the City right-of-way.

Are the private property utility services going to be replaced by this project? Possibly. At every residential service connection, the contractor replaces the water line within the City of Hudson right-of-way (between the water main and sidewalk).

Typically, the utility service lines from the right-of-way to the house are the homeowner's responsibility. The City anticipates that the Ohio EPA will be providing a grant to the City to replace those private side service connections made of lead. This work will be at the request of the owner and will be of no cost to the property owner. More information on the lead service line replacing project will be provided to residents once the City has secured the grant from the Ohio EPA.

Will I be without utility service? The City and the Contractor will make every effort to minimize utility disruptions, but we cannot guarantee accidental breaks or emergency situations. The proposed water line work will have periodic service disruptions. The Contractor will be required to send out letters one day ahead of any planned water utility service disruption. If your water is disrupted during the project, please run the water (from a wash tub, utility sink or a bath tub is recommended) until it runs clear. The water should run clear in about two minutes. If the water does not run clear, please contact the City of Hudson Engineering Department at 330-342-1770, or if it is after normal working hours, contact Hudson Police Dispatch at the non-emergency line at 330-342-1800 and ask for a Public Works Water Department employee to come to your home to investigate the issue.

Will N. Oviatt Street be closed? Due to the location of the existing and proposed water line on N. Oviatt St., the road will be closed to thru traffic for the duration of the project. Access to homes will be maintained during construction, but temporary interruptions to driveway access

can be expected for the installations of the new utilities. When your driveway is to be impacted, the owner will be notified one day in advance.

How will the contractor complete the project? The Contractor will be asked to submit a construction schedule to the City for review and approval before proceeding with work. The proposed work will require that construction be completed in two phases to minimize impacts to residents and the school.

What can we expect during construction? Residents can expect minor traffic delays, dust, mud, and regular construction noise, etc. We will monitor the construction area and limit these issues when possible.

What safety measures should residents know about during construction? Please stay away from the open utility trenches at all times. Never let children near the construction site, in the roadway, or near the construction equipment. All open trenches will be fenced off at night by the Contractor. If a resident smells gas, please vacate the area and call the Hudson Fire Department's non-emergency line from a safe area at 330-342-1800. In addition, the East Ohio Gas 24-hour number is 1-877-542-2630. Emergency vehicles and personnel will be permitted through the construction zone at all times.

What will be the normal construction hours of the waterline work? The Contractor will be allowed to work Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and possibly on Saturdays, if the project falls behind schedule due to weather. During the work day, residents can expect delays along the project area. Please give yourself extra drive time. No work will be permitted on Sundays or City of Hudson holidays, unless pre-authorized by the City. No work at night will be permitted unless emergency repairs are necessary.

When will I know the Contractor will be working in front of my property? You will be notified of the anticipated start date once a contractor is selected and an overall schedule is approved. For any anticipated interruptions to your utility services or temporary closure to your driveway, the Contractor will be required to inform you one day in advance.

Will I have access to my driveway? The disruption to driveways will be necessary during the construction of this project, especially when the Contractor is installing the new water lines within the roadway near your home. The City requires the Contractor to inform residents one day in advance of planned driveway closures. During this planned disruption, please make provisions to park your vehicle at a neighbor's house or other safe area. All driveways will be open to the residents at the end of each work day. You can expect driveway disruptions for about one to two days as the construction passes by your property.

Will the project remove any street trees? No trees are planned to be removed as part of this project. Every effort has been made in the design to minimize disturbance to trees and tree roots in the project. However, tree root disturbance will be necessary for the installation of the new utilities. Tree disturbance will be closely monitored during construction and tree protection notes and details will be provided for in the contract documents.

Will we receive our United States Postal Service mail and deliveries from FedEx, UPS, etc.? U.S. mail delivery will be maintained throughout the project. If your mail is not delivered,

please contact the Hudson Post Office at 330-650-1993. Normal package delivery services should not be disrupted.

How will my trash (refuse) be picked-up? The City will notify the trash haulers of the construction project in advance of the work. Trash haulers typically work with the City to maintain trash pick-up services.

How can I receive updates on the construction progress? Prior to beginning the project, the City will update the “N. Oviatt Street Waterline Improvement Project” website on the City’s Construction Projects webpage at: [https://www.hudson.oh.us/1182/North-Oviatt-Waterline-
Replacement](https://www.hudson.oh.us/1182/North-Oviatt-Waterline-Replacement)

During construction the website will be provided with updates on the status of the project.

Who should the resident call if they have a question or an issue? Please contact the Hudson Engineering Office at 330-342-1770 (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or email engineering@hudson.oh.us. Direct after hours calls to the Hudson Police non-emergency line at 330-342-1800.