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# **Highland Drive Sewer Replacement**

Utility Construction will be staring in Summer 2015. Due to feedback from the community and project coordination that will help minimize impacts to the area, this project is being rescheduled for the June 2015. Salt Lake City Public Utilities will provide more information about schedule as the project gets closer to construction.

## **BACKGROUND AND NEED**

The Highland Drive sewer services the overall Sugarhouse area of Salt Lake City. The alignment of this project is on Highland Drive from 2100 South to Stringham Avenue (see project map at the end of this flyer). Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities inspected the Highland Drive sewer and found that the pipe, originally installed in 1916, is in extremely poor condition and in need of immediate replacement. Observations made during the most recent pipe inspection have indicated that the pipe is near failure and requires immediate emergency open cut replacement. The repair and ultimate rehabilitation of this sewer line will ensure that the current level of sanitary service is provided to the area and will reduce the risk to private property typically associated with sanitary sewer failure.

Due to the advanced deterioration of the pipeline, the project will require open cut construction. Areas that require open cut repair typically have impacts such as access and traffic flow restrictions that could impact residences and businesses on and around Highland Drive.

## **CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS**

Construction impacts associated with the Highland Drive Sewer replacement may include noise, odors, roadway access, parking, and traffic. Salt Lake City Public Utilities will work closely with the contractor to minimize inconvenience to the public. All effort will be made to minimize the impact to any individual business or residence.

## ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS

Construction crews will be accessing the sewer line through an open trench and the sewer manholes. We will work to minimize traffic disruption; however, because open cut access to the sewer is required some traffic impacts can be expected and may include road or lane closures, parking restrictions, and temporary access restrictions. Traffic will be restricted adjacent to the contractor's work area. **Business accesses will remain open.** The public may be required to cross steel plates covering some minimal trenching. Every effort will be made to coordinate any closures or access restrictions with adjacent businesses.

Notification will be sent to each residence or business in adjacent areas before construction begins. The notice will address the timing of construction, anticipated traffic restrictions, potential service interruptions, and any other impacts of the project.

Prior to work in high-traffic areas, the contractor will submit a traffic plan to Salt Lake City traffic engineers for their review to ensure impacts to the public are minimized.

Residents and business owners are asked to avoid parking vehicles within the road right-of-way while construction activities are occurring on their street. This will protect personal property, minimize impact to neighborhoods, and expedite work. In most cases, the contractor will be required to complete construction and road restoration during a 21-day period to limit the period of impact on any one street.

## SAFETY

Safety is a top priority for Salt Lake City Public Utilities. We appreciate neighborhood efforts to keep children away from construction equipment and work areas. **Parents, please talk with your children about staying away from potentially dangerous construction and staging areas.** If you see any trespassing in construction areas, please report to the **police dispatcher at 801-799-4600**.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q: Will I see construction on my street or property?

A: The pipeline route is shown on the attached map. Most construction activities will be in the roadway. You will be notified several weeks prior to construction in your neighborhood and will be advised of any impacts at that time.

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Q: What impacts can I expect?

A: The construction activities may have local impacts on traffic and brief impacts on roadway access. During construction, residents adjacent to project limits activities may notice noise and odors. The contractor must comply with terms of the Salt Lake County noise permit and must also take measures to minimize odors.

Q: I am handicapped. Will access to my house or business be blocked?

A: Temporary access will be provided and permanent access will be restored as quickly as possible. Please inform us if you have any concern, and we will take every effort to ensure you have unimpeded access.

Q: Will my sewer service be interrupted?

A: Residents will be notified in advance if there will be any service interruption. Service interruptions are brief but may be required to re-establish connection of your service line to the trunk sewer. You will be notified once service has been restored. Q: Does the contractor need to enter my home or business to reconnect the service connection? A: No, the contractor will not enter your home. Any excavation to re-establish a service connection would be adjacent to the sewer pipe, which is usually located in the street or under the sidewalk.

Q: Will I notice any difference in sewer service after the project?

A: Replacement of the sewer will ensure it performs as it was intended. It will prevent failure of the sewer and protect public safety. If it were not replaced, you could expect an increasing frequency of failures and service interruptions and possible property damage.

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## **PROJECT MAP**

