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Citywide 2017 Sewer Repair Project Night Work Proposed for NE Multnomah Street from NE 17th Ave to NE 19th Ave

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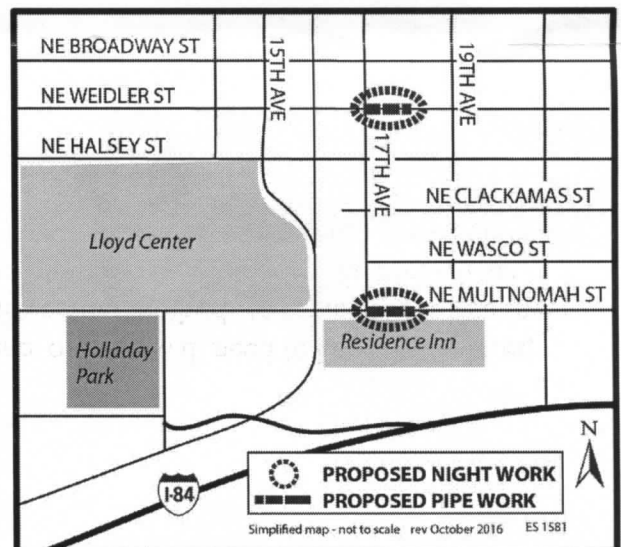
Environmental Services is designing sewer repair projects in various neighborhoods across Portland to replace around 20,000 feet of sewer pipes that are in poor condition. The work will increase sewer system capacity, reduce basement backups, and protect water quality and the environment.

Construction Method

Many of the pipes in this project are over eighty years old and will need to be fully replaced with larger diameter pipes. The city uses many construction methods to repair or replace sewer pipes. In your area, the city's contractor plans to use pipe bursting to repair the pipes. This trenchless method involves breaking up the old pipe and replacing it by pulling a new pipe into place behind it. More information on sewer construction methods can be found at: www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods.

Environmental Services is proposing that the pipes that cross or extend into NE Multnomah Street from NE 17th Ave to NE 19th Ave be repaired at night between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Due to the high volume of traffic, it is difficult to do the work during the typical work hours of 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Night work would allow crews to work safely during less congested hours. Work will not take place on Sundays.

Environmental Services is applying for a noise variance to work outside of typical construction hours at NE Multnomah Street from NE 17th Ave to NE 19th Ave. This work could take up to ten days.



Construction Schedule

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin spring 2017 and the entire project should be complete in winter 2018. The work locations and a more detailed schedule will be communicated when the contractor is hired next year.

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Noise Variance

Portland noise code allows construction from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Work after 6:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m., and all hours on Sunday, requires a noise variance from the Portland Noise Office. The city is applying for a noise variance to allow up to 51 nights of work outside of typical construction hours at seven locations, non-consecutively. The pipe installation process will require the use of trucks, the movement of pipes and other equipment, assembly of pipes in trenches, access into manholes, and lighting for crews to work at night. Back-up beepers on trucks will not be used at night. A city inspector will be on site during the work.

Submit Comments to Portland Noise Office

Your comments regarding the proposed noise variance are valuable and can be submitted to the Portland Noise Office by letter, email or telephone. Please comment by November 18, 2016:

- o Write to:
Portland Noise Office
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 110
Portland, OR 97204
- o Email: noise@portlandoregon.gov
- o Telephone: 503-823-7350

The Noise Review Board holds monthly hearings and will review the project information and all comments before the end of the year. If you would like to know when the hearing has been scheduled, please contact us.



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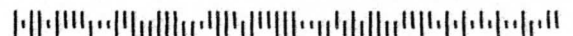


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For More Information

If you have general questions about the project, would like detailed plans, or need more information about the proposed night work, contact Debbie Caselton at 503-823-2831 or Debbie.Caselton@portlandoregon.gov. Noise-related comments will be forwarded to the Noise Office.