

WATER STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT: USING INNOVATION TO REPAIR OUR AGING SEWER SYSTEM

Water Street Sewer Construction Begins January 27 through mid-May 2025

January 21, 2025

Greetings Households and/or Business Owners in the Project Area,

You are receiving this project notification letter as a property and/or business owner within a close proximity of the project area for Water Street Sewer construction, from approximately the WSDOT Ferry Terminal to Gaines Street. Please read this letter carefully as it contains pertinent information about the project and impacts to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle use along the project corridor, and please share this letter with anyone you know who may be interested. Visit the project webpage for updates as timelines may shift with weather and holiday schedules. Your project contact is Andre Harper, Public Works Project Manager, aharper@cityofpt.us, (360) 385-5088.



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Project Overview

The Water Street sewer main line, in the vicinity of Water and Grant Streets, collapsed in December 2022 requiring an emergency repair, and collapsed again near the ferry terminal intersection in September 2024. After the initial break in 2022, the City began applying for grants and low interest loans to fund a sewer main replacement. The Water Street Sewer Replacement project is a \$3.2M project scheduled to begin this month with 80 working days of construction. The project will rectify a decades-old issue common to asbestos concrete pipe, which deteriorates when exposed to gases from sewage.

The project will extend the City's existing Monroe Lift Station force main approximately 1,850 feet using an innovative method called "horizontal directional drilling," or HDD. You can watch an informative video about HDD, linked on our EngagePT project page. This method of construction is commonly used to install pipe in areas not amenable to open trench construction, including environmentally sensitive areas and main thoroughfares like Water Street. The City will also replace approximately 1,830 feet of existing gravity sewer main via "slip lining," which is the process of inserting a smaller pipe into the failing larger pipe.



Project Schedule & Construction Notices

Safety in a high-traffic area like Water Street is of the utmost importance.

- Work hours will be between 7:00AM and 6:00PM.
- Equipment is staged along Water Street behind the Lighthouse Center building, and adjacent to where work is occurring. The equipment staging and construction areas will be cordoned off.
- There will be bike lane and single lane closures along the bluff side of Water Street, with open pits for sewer pipe connections. Pits will be closed with steel plating during non-construction hours. One side of the road along Water Street will remain open for narrow two-way vehicle and bicycle traffic – use extreme caution and drive slowly through the construction area. Pedestrians should use caution walking along the sidewalk in this area.
- Businesses and residential parking lots will remain open and accessible at all times with the exception of the head-in parking located at the Triangle building on Water Street between Gaines and SR20. This is planned for project equipment and material staging within project construction boundary.
- In the first part of the project, there will be sawcutting of asphalt and concrete, and drilling, which will generate construction noise during working hours.
- It is expected that the road along SR20 will remain open for the entirety of the project. Traffic will be guided by flaggers when necessary.

We understand that construction has impacts to businesses and residents and we ask for your patience, grace, and support as we make much-needed repairs to our sewer system. The project webpage has additional information and we will post updates periodically. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your support in improving our essential community infrastructure!