Mt Vernon, Crestview, Sanderson and Newark
Lead Replacement & Infrastructure Improvements
Project report (no community meeting due to COVID-19)

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**Affected area:**
Fort Worth Water will replace City-owned lead service lines and improve infrastructure on four streets in an area that is east of I-35W and north of East Lancaster Avenue/Hwy. 180. It is bound by Sanborn Street to the west, Crestview Drive to the north, Oakland Boulevard to the east and East Lancaster Avenue to the south.

Project landmarks include Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (2700 Ben Avenue), Renaissance Cultural Center (3400 Mt Vernon Ave.), Tandy Village Assisted Living (2601 Tandy Ave.), Meadowbrook-Poly United Methodist Church (3900 Meadowbrook Dr.), Community Life Center (2529 E. Mt. View Ave.), Salon Hugo (4075 E. Lancaster), Octapharma Plasma (4085 E. Lancaster Ave.), Pancho Tacos (4063 E. Lancaster) and Whataburger (4051 E. Lancaster Ave.).

**Summary:**
Due to COVID-19, in-person community meetings have been canceled. This project report concerns the Mt Vernon, Crestview, Sanderson and Newark Lead Replacement and Infrastructure Improvement project. It is also known as Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2016 WSM-F, Part 2, and project number 2727-2.
This project is located in Council District 8 and will impact water customers in the Neighborhoods of East Fort Worth and West Meadowbrook neighborhood association.

**What streets are impacted?**
The Fort Worth Water Department will replace water and/or sewer mains that are located on the following streets:
- Mt Vernon Avenue from Sanborn Street to Newark Avenue (water);
- Newark Avenue from Mt Vernon Avenue to Lancaster Avenue (water);
- Sanderson Avenue from Mt Vernon Avenue to Purington Avenue (water and sewer);
- Crestview Drive from Meadowbrook Drive to Oakland Boulevard (water).

**When will construction begin?** This contract calls for 365 calendar days of construction time. We met with the contractor on June 24 and the start date was set for July 20, 2020. The timeline depends on how quickly we can locate the utilities (gas, electric, communication, etc. lines) and clear any conflicts with the location of the new water and/or sewer lines. The contractor will put 7-day door hangers and one-day (tomorrow) door hangars on affected homes and businesses before work starts on their street.

**What are the hours for construction?** Weekday hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday. The contractor may also work on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**How large are these lines?** The water lines vary from six to 10 inches in diameter. Those will be replaced with water lines that are eight to 12 inches in diameter. The sewer line is six inches in diameter. The proposed sewer line will be upsized to 8 inches around.

**Where is the work going to be done?** The water and sewer lines are in the streets.

**Will my new street be asphalt or concrete?** The street cut will be replaced with asphalt.

**Will the whole street be under construction at the same time?** No, the contractor's crews will work in phases. The crew will excavate, lay the new pipe in the hole, and then backfill. The holes could be 8 to 10 feet deep so there will be big dirt piles. The crew will accommodate residents and make sure that trash trucks can get down the street on designated trash days.

**Is the street going to be closed during construction?** There will not be a full street closure. The city will be replacing the service line, meter, and meter box and patching the street cut. Customers will see an open trench that is three-four feet wide in the middle of the street. The trench will be covered with a plate when crews are not working on the line. Customers will have access to their homes with minimal disruption.
When our street is under construction, will our water be turned off? The contractor will set up a temporary water line. It is necessary to turn the water off for approximately 15 to 30 minutes to complete the connection to the temporary water line. The water will be turned off when the water service is transferred from the existing line to a temporary water line, then again when the service is transferred from the temporary water line to the new water line. Sewer service will not be interrupted.

Why are other blocks not included in this project? Fort Worth Water prioritizes the water and sewer line replacements based on available data including the main break history, leak history, age of the line, the line material, and whether there are lead service lines.

Why are you doing this project? Fort Worth Water’s goal is to replace the publicly owned portion of all City-owned lead service lines by 2021.

What part of the water line is made of lead? This project will replace 29 identified City-owned lead service lines. The City side of the line starts at the main in the middle of the street and goes to the customer’s water meter at the curb. The customer’s side of the service goes from the meter to the house and includes all plumbing inside the house.

How were customers notified about the lead service lines? Letters (see an excerpt below) were mailed in May 2020 to residents and property owners directly impacted by the lead replacement and advising them about the City-owned lead service lines.

The City-owned part of the service line on your property at (insert address) is lead. The city will be replacing the service line, meter, and meter box and patching the street cut as part of the Mt Vernon, Crestview, Sanderson and Newark Infrastructure Improvement project. Construction will start in June/July 2020.

The service line connects your home to the water main. Ownership of the service line is shared. The city owns the portion from the main to the meter, including the meter. The property owner is responsible for the portion from the meter to the house, plus the private plumbing inside the home.

Your side of the service line is (insert copper, galvanized, PVC or steel). It is possible that other plumbing materials – pipe, solder or brass fittings or fixtures – inside this property may contain lead. You may need to hire a plumber to determine if there are lead plumbing materials in the home.

The water department is offering a FREE test to determine the lead levels in your drinking water. We will explain how lead gets into drinking water and low-cost steps to minimize exposure for the short term. The only long-term solution is to replace all lead plumbing components. Additional information is on our website at
www.fortworthtexas.gov/water/lead. If you have any questions please call Water Customer Service at 817-392-4477.

**How do you determine that a service line is lead?** Field Operations crews and Meter Services crews do what is called a scratch test of the pipe to determine if the material is lead.

**Am I getting a new water meter?** Yes, the City has been installing new advanced water meters in construction and development projects for the past few years. Go to MyH2O Frequently Asked Questions, [http://fortworthtexas.gov/myh2o/faqs/](http://fortworthtexas.gov/myh2o/faqs/), for more details.