



Water & Sewerage
Department

OAKMAN BOULEVARD Stormwater & Water System Upgrade Project

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is investing \$8.6M in the Aviation Subdivision to reduce street flooding and basement backups and upgrade a section of the water system.

- Blaze Contracting began prepping the area for construction, including removing some trees, in March. Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Stay Home, Stay Safe Order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic halted this work and it resumed on May 8.
- The contractor has begun and will continue excavation and installation of storm system upgrades for the Green Stormwater Infrastructure along **Oakman Boulevard between Tireman and Joy Road**. This work may continue through the end of the 2020 construction season.
- The contractor will perform the water main replacement construction on **Wednesday, May 13, 2020 through July 17, 2020**, weather permitting. As a result, there will be lane closures on Oakman Boulevard between Manor and Joy Road, no street parking will be permitted, and driveways may not be accessible for a short time during the work.
- Construction activity will be Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Some Saturday work may take place.
- When the new water main is connected, **residents will be informed in advance of a temporary water service interruption** during the daytime, typically no more than four hours.
- See back page for details on construction impact and safety precautions.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as DWSD makes upgrades to improve services in your neighborhood. Further updates will be provided. You may share your mobile phone number and email address with DWSD to receive future project updates by sending to dwsd-publicaffairs@detroitmi.gov.

Questions? Call Inspector Ian Tamm at 313-806-3125.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT

During construction, it is DWSD's intention to minimize inconveniences to residents and businesses. However, you should expect the following:



During the COVID-19 pandemic – to protect the public and the construction workers — CDC guidelines, along with local and state requirements, will be followed including wearing masks and other protective equipment and adhering to social distancing. Also, workers on the site have tested negative for the virus and get their temperature checked daily prior to starting their shift.



DWSD, with community input, has approved designs for stormwater management features in several medians. When this work commences, the medians will be closed along with a traffic lane on each side. Additionally, some underground work on Oakman and on some cross streets will occur due to the placement of the storm pipes. The construction is related to the stormwater part of the sewer system and should have limited impact on sewer lines. The goal is intended to reduce street flooding and basement backups in your neighborhood.



Brief interruptions of water supply when a new service line is being connected to the system. Every attempt will be made to inform impacted residents and businesses prior to disruption and service is generally restored the same day. If you have a lead service line, an appointment will be made with you to replace the pipe with copper and workers entering your home will use personal protective equipment for your safety and theirs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please contact DWSD Customer Care at 313-267-8000 if you do not have water service for more than six hours or overnight.



Construction will bring some noise, dirt and debris to the neighborhood.



Contractors will have large trucks and heavy equipment. For the safety of everyone in the neighborhood, please keep a safe distance from all machinery. All medians on Oakman Blvd. between Tireman and Joy will be closed to the public during this project for your safety, storing equipment and supplies, and GSI construction.



There may be traffic impediments, but residents and businesses will have access. You should also expect street closures and restrictions to street parking during construction. Please try to avoid parking on impacted streets.



Water main work may require some hydrants to be out of service intermittently. These hydrants will be tagged as out of service and DWSD will coordinate with the Detroit Fire Department with up to date information.



Lawns, sidewalks and driveways may be disturbed. Contractors will return to restore property. Temporary restorations may occur before permanent work is completed during April - October when weather permits.



Due to the construction, some streetlights are in the same or near the location of either the water or stormwater pipes and have been/will be temporarily disabled. Streetlights will be restored during the final project restoration work.



Based on a input from the community and the City of Detroit General Services Department Forestry Division, DWSD's contractor has removed some trees, including trees that were deemed unhealthy, and protected others. As part of this project, vegetation and trees will be planted when underground construction is complete.



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We thank you in advance for your patience as we work to upgrade and enhance the stormwater and water systems in your neighborhood.