

LAWRENCE STREET COMBINED SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT: BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT SEWER FOR THE FUTURE

Lawrence Street Sewer Inspection Begins February 18 through February 21

February 12, 2024

Greetings Uptown Households and/or Business Owners,

You are receiving this project notification letter as a property and/or business owner within 300 feet of the project area in the Uptown Business District. Please read this letter carefully as it contains pertinent information about the project and impacts on 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 Mike Connelly, P.E., Public Works Project Engineer, mconnelly@cityofpt.us, (360) 531-2761.



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Project Overview

The city is planning a critical infrastructure project to reduce strain on the sanitary sewer system and the Monroe Street Lift Station caused by combined stormwater and sewage flows in the Lawrence Street sewer line (from Filmore to Monroe Street). This project aims to improve wastewater management, protection of public health, and environmental quality. This project is essential to perform first prior to the Lawrence Street pavement surface repairs.

As part of the early stages of the project, the city will need to conduct an inspection and assessment of the sewer system which will include camera inspections and smoke and dye testing to identify cross connections in the sewer system along Lawrence Street. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. This will involve opening and entering of inspection holes on Lawrence Street. The smoke will also reveal sources where stormwater and surface water enter the sewer system.

See project vicinity map on page 3 of this notice.

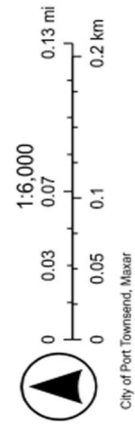
What to Expect During the Inspection:

- The sewer inspection will take approximately one week.
- Inspections will be between 8:00AM and 6:00PM daily (Hours subject to change. See website for latest information.)
- Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some smoke may enter your home or place of business. You may see or smell smoke exiting from sewer access points, roof vents, manholes, or gutters. This is normal and indicates the system is being tested.
- The smoke and dye used are non-toxic, non-staining, and safe for humans, pets, and the environment.
- Prior to smoke testing, we recommend pouring a gallon of water into open drain traps, basement bathroom drains, and floor drains to help maintain a water seal in the fixture trap. This water barrier will prevent smoke from entering the house during testing.
- If smoke enters your home, open windows and doors to ventilate the area as best you can given the cold weather. Simulated smoke should clear out quickly and will not stain walls or furniture or leave residue.
- Neither the City nor the crew that performs smoke testing will enter your home during the testing process.
- There may be some temporary traffic impacts for the sewer inspection, and if so, flaggers will direct traffic. Please drive slowly through the project area and look out for contractors and staff during the project's duration.

We understand that this work has impacts on businesses and residents and we ask for your patience, grace, and support as we gather critical information to improve 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

Lawrence Street Sewer Inspection Vicinity Map



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