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Re: Ransom Street and Sunset Place (from Cortez Boulevard to Sunset Road)
Utility Replacements and Drainage Rehabilitation
Site address

Dear Property Owner/Tenant:

Work is scheduled to begin January 9, 2017 to replace sanitary sewer mains, improve storm drainage and regrade some swales on Ransom Street and a portion of Sunset Place from Cortez Boulevard to Sunset Road. The project includes resurfacing Ransom Street and a portion of Sunset Place. New sidewalk will also be constructed on Ransom Street. Crews are expected to work during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The project is expected to be complete in fall 2017.

Construction – What to Expect

Initially, crews will video the area to document existing conditions. This will include videoing the back yards of Ransom Street properties where sewer mains are currently located. Once the video is completed, crews are scheduled to begin installing sanitary sewer and some storm drain on Ransom Street, and then continue to Sunset Place from Cortez Boulevard to Sunset Road. Once all sewer lines are installed, they will be tested and inspected. Timely connections to residential service lines will be made during construction to minimize interruptions. Crews will relocate sewer services to the right-of-way as part of this project. Curb will be removed along Sunset Place from Cortez Boulevard to Sunset Road. Some swales will be regraded on Ransom Street and in the Sunset Place work area. Once the utility work is complete, driveway aprons that were disturbed will be replaced, new sidewalk will be installed on one side of Ransom Street, and sidewalk will be repaired on Sunset Place where necessary. Disturbed right-of-way will be re-sodded. Finally, a final layer of asphalt will be placed to provide a smooth finished surface.

Water Shut-off and Boil Water Notices

Crews may need to relocate a water service to complete the project. If a water shut-off is necessary, you may be required to boil your water until bacteriological tests have been taken and cleared. Every effort will be made to keep the water shut-off time to a minimum and in most cases will not exceed six hours. The boil water period usually lasts approximately three days. You will receive written notice of planned water shut-offs, and then water rescission notices that inform you of when the water is safe to drink.

You will receive advance notification of any planned utility shut-offs. However, please keep in mind, many services are old. Water and old sewer lines could be damaged or disintegrate unexpectedly due to the heavy construction equipment required to replace the systems. Some of the old valves to the water system do not function properly and can be problematic in the case of a water main break. A very large portion of the water system may have to be shut down to make the repair.

In this case, we have an emergency plan in place to notify you and will work to restore service as soon as possible. You may want to keep some extra bottled water on hand to use in case of an emergency water line break.

Access to Private Property for Sewer Connections and Driveway Tie-ins

The City's contractor will need access to Ransom Street properties to connect your home to the new sewer main that will be installed in the road right-of-way. Currently, many sewer mains are located behind properties. Construction crews will need access to private properties to investigate the location of current sewer hook-ups. We will contact you to obtain an executed Temporary Right of Entry if work outside of the City's right-of-way is required. Once the sewer hook-up is located, crews will install new sewer connection lines from the back of properties to the new sewer mains at the street. Your yard may be disrupted for installation of the new sewer connection lines and will be replaced-in-kind. We will contact you prior to installation of the new sewer connection service lines. The City's contractor may also need access to your property to tie-in driveways to the roadway.

Public Services (i.e., mail, garbage, Police/Fire/EMS)

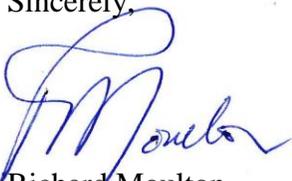
Once construction begins, the City's contractor will maintain public services such as mail delivery, garbage/recycle and bus services. Police/Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be notified of road closures and water shut-offs.

Contact Information

Please refer to the City's Utilities website located at www.FortMyersUtilities.com for construction updates. If you have questions about the project or issues during construction, please contact the City's public information consultant, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc. at 239-337-1071 or via e-mail to thayden@cella.cc.

Thank you and we look forward to rebuilding Fort Myers one neighborhood at a time!

Sincerely,



Richard Moulton
Interim Director of Public Works