



## COLESVILLE ROAD TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

### Questions and Answers

#### What is the scope of the work taking place on US 29/Colesville Road?

- WSSC will be replacing and relocating approximately 1.88 miles of water mains along US 29/Colesville Road and water connections to intersecting streets. The new water mains will be zinc-coated, ductile iron pipe wrapped in a protective coating. These new pipes have a life expectancy of approximately 100 years.

#### Why is the project necessary?

- The existing water transmission mains and distribution system were originally installed in the 1920's, therefore they are exceeding their life expectancy. WSSC is committed to investing in our aging infrastructure because approximately 40 percent of our water and sewer mains are more than 50 years old.
- At this time, WSSC has a goal of replacing approximately 61 miles of water mains and 20 miles of sewer mains each year.

#### When will construction start on this project?

- Construction activities are expected to begin the week of August 21, 2017, weather permitting.

#### What is the construction sequence of this project?

- The Colesville Road Transmission Water Main Replacement Project will be completed in three different phases:
  - **Phase I:** Georgia Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway. (*Anticipated start August 21, 2017*)
  - **Phase II:** Sligo Creek Parkway to the Beltway (*Anticipated start July 2018*)
  - **Phase III:** Sligo Creek Parkway Pipelining (*Anticipated start January 2019*)

#### How long will this project take?

- This project is expected to be completed Spring 2019, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather (snow, heavy rain or freezing temperatures), the projected completion date may be delayed.

#### What will the working hours be for this project?

- The core working hours will be Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., however, there will be occasions when work will take place at nights or on weekends. Residents and business owners will receive advance notice of night and weekend work.

#### Will my water be shut-off and how will I be notified about water shut-offs?

- WSSC works to minimize the impact to your water service, however, there will be occasions when your water service is disrupted for a short period of time. WSSC will provide a minimum 48-hour advance notice prior for any planned water service interruptions.

**Will I lose sewer service?**

- No. Our sewer and water systems are entirely separate, your sewer service should not be affected.

**What construction method will WSSC use for the Colesville Road project?**

- New water mains will be installed using an open-cut construction method, which involves constructing a trench by cutting and excavating a section of the pavement. This construction method will create noise and dust.

**Will I be able to access to my home or business during this project?**

- Yes, access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times. If for some reason your driveway is being blocked by a piece of equipment or other obstructions, feel free to contact WSSC personnel immediately (see contact information in final question).

**Will WSSC require access inside my house or business?**

- Access into homes or businesses is NOT required. To ensure the safety of you and your family always ask for identification from anyone posing as a utility worker who is requesting access to your home. All workers, whether working for WSSC or the contractor (Rivers Construction Group, LTP), will have uniforms and photo IDs, and all vehicles will be marked.

**Are parking restrictions going to be in effect?**

- There will be parking restrictions on streets with active construction only. "No Parking" signs will be posted and a 48-hour advance notification will be provided.

**Will there be lane closures on US 29/Colesville Road? Who will oversee traffic control?**

- Yes, there will single and double-lane closures along north and southbound Colesville Road during work hours. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and expect delays. WSSC is working closely with the State Highway Administration (SHA) on traffic control.

**When will final restoration of Colesville Road take place?**

- Final restoration of sidewalks, roadways and landscaping (in that order) will take place within 90 days of construction completion. WSSC will be responsible for completely restoring the area, in line with best practices.

**Who do neighbors contact if there are questions or problems with workers?**

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