

Takoma Park Eastern Avenue Water and Sewer Main Replacement

Project Status: 75% Design

Last Updated: April 20, 2016

Following the February 20 public meeting, WSSC mailed voting forms for homeowners in the 6600 and 6700 blocks of Eastern Avenue to indicate their preference for either a roadway pressure sewer alignment (requiring a grinder pump system) or a backyard gravity sewer alignment (requiring a 20-foot easement to WSSC). Homeowners responded via email, in-person meetings, and mailing of voting forms to indicate their sewer main alignment preferences by the March 31, 2016 deadline.

The results of the March 2016 homeowner vote are as follows:

Sewer Block 1 – 6711 through 6761 Eastern Avenue

The majority of homeowners voted for the backyard gravity sewer alignment. WSSC received one vote for the front yard alignment and one vote for neither alignment. WSSC will move forward with the design of the backyard alignment with gravity sewer flowing towards 1st Avenue at these addresses.

Homeowners identified for the backyard alignment will be contacted by WSSC's Land Unit with an offer for the appraised value of a 20-foot permanent easement at the rear of their properties. Homeowners will also be mailed a Right-of-Entry agreement for the installation of a new water service connection, new connection of the existing sewer lateral to the new sewer main, and a new sewer clean out which will be installed inside the 20-foot easement and maintained by WSSC.

Sewer Block 3 – 6601 through 6613 Eastern Avenue

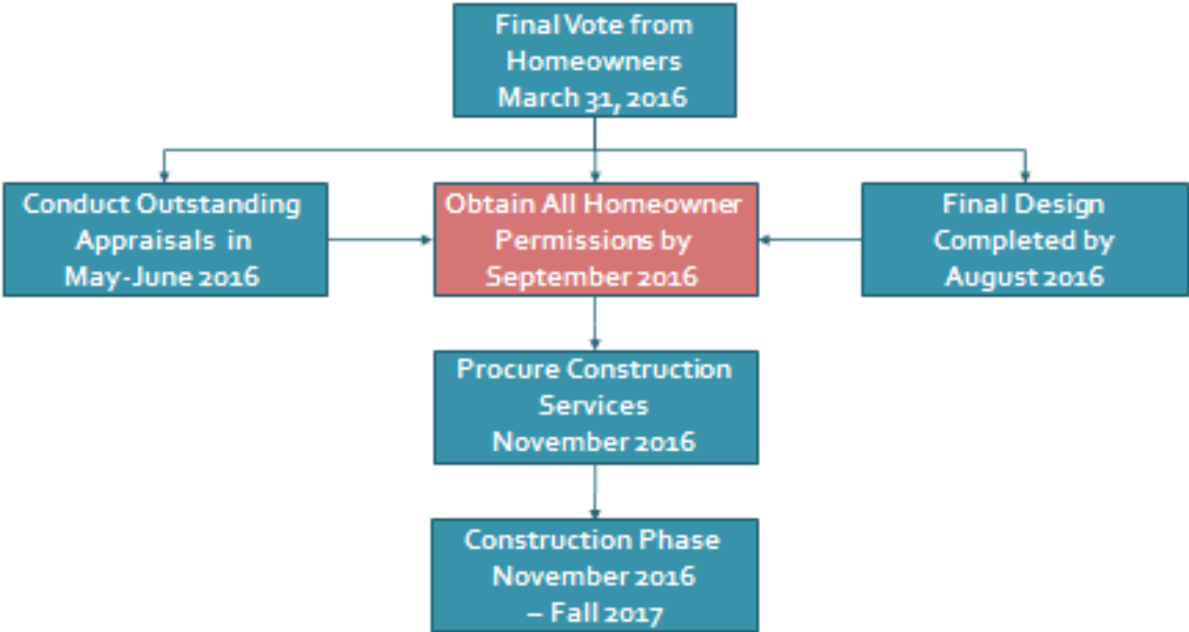
The homeowners of sewer block 3 voted unanimously for the roadway alignment with grinder pumps. WSSC will move forward with the design of the roadway pressure sewer alignment at these addresses.

Homeowners identified for the roadway alignment will be sent a Right-of-Entry agreement for WSSC to install new water and sewer service connections on their properties, along with a new grinder pump system. During construction, the Contractor will purchase a 10-year extended service and parts warranty for the grinder pump system.



Project Timeline:

The design team will complete the design of the sewer alignments as described above, and anticipates design completion by summer 2016. WSSC requires homeowner authorization of all easement agreements and Rights-of-Entry agreements before moving forward with construction.



The design team looks forward to working with each homeowner to ensure this project moves smoothly to design completion and construction.

Please contact Project Manager Crystal Wheaden at Crystal.Wheaden@wsscwater.com with questions regarding the Rights-of-Entry agreements and the design specific to your property. Please contact WSSC's Property Acquisition Agent Paul Gray at Paul.Gray@wsscwater.com with questions regarding easement agreements and the appraisal process.

Project contact information, background information, and status updates can be found on the project webpage at <http://www.wsscwater.com/eastern>.