



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** Greg Meszaros, Director, Austin Water Utility

**Date:** July 14, 2009

**Subject:** Emergency Repair of 54" Water Main on Walsh Tarlton Lane

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This memo is to inform you that I have recently signed an emergency purchase affidavit for repairs to a 54" water main on Walsh Tarlton Lane. Due to the specialized construction methods required, the scope of the repairs was beyond the capabilities of the Utility's workforce, requiring the Utility to acquire the services of a contractor to conduct this work.

On Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>, a contractor bored a hole in an existing 54-inch diameter water transmission main on Walsh Tarlton Lane while conducting geotechnical investigations. The main had to be shut down to make the necessary repairs. This transmission main is vital to serving our customers south of the river with water and fire protection, especially at this time of year. The water main repairs were completed early on the morning of July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The final cost of the repairs are still being calculated, the Utility will bring this item forward for ratification by the City Council in the next few weeks. The Utility is also working closely with Financial Services' Finance Regulatory Affairs Division (claims) to recover all costs associated with this incident from the responsible contractor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

for

Greg Meszaros, Director  
Austin Water Utility

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