



Upcoming Construction Notice

Northwest Brentwood Water System Upgrades Project (CIPID: 2231.162)

In June 2016, the City of Austin Public Works Department and Austin Water will begin construction in your neighborhood for the Northwest Brentwood Water System Upgrades Project. Work will include the installation of water lines, fire hydrants, valves, water service connections, wastewater manholes, and complete street overlay. Replacement of this aging infrastructure in the area is necessary to reduce the potential for water line breaks in the future as part of the Renewing Austin Program.

The City's contractor will begin construction in Phase 1 on Karen Avenue. Once complete, the contractor will move to Laird Drive (see tentative schedule below). Final complete street overlay will take place once all streets in Phase 1 have been completed. The contractor will then begin work in Phase 2. Traffic delays should be expected during peak travel times. Drivers are encouraged to slow down and drive with caution through the construction zone.

Construction Time Frame

June 2016 – Spring 2017 (Dates are projected as accurately as possible, but are subject to change.)

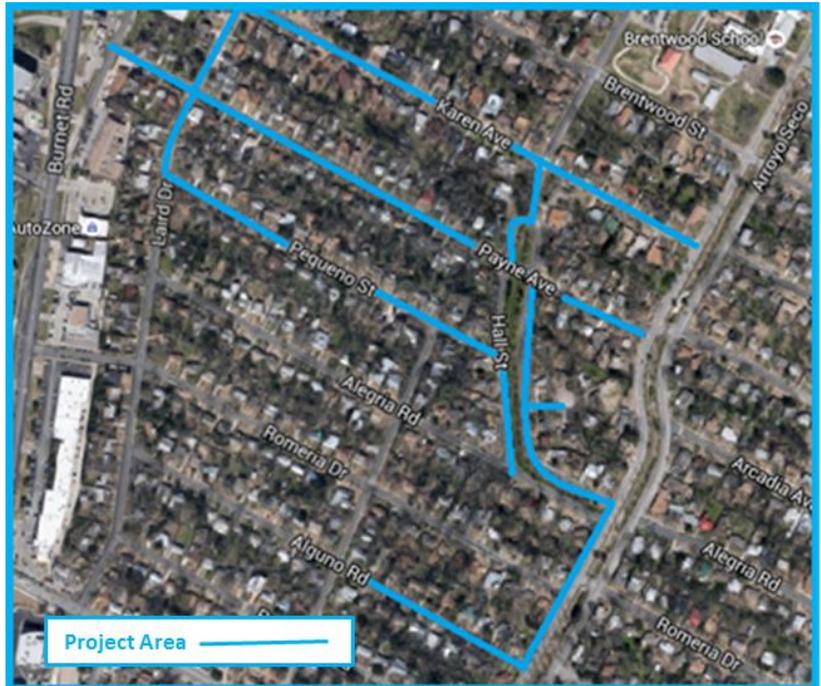
Expected Construction Schedule

Phase 1:

- Karen Avenue
- Laird Drive
- Payne Avenue
- Goodnight Lane (north)
- Pequeno Avenue

Phase 2

- Hall Street
- Goodnight Lane (south)
- Alcove Court
- Arroyo Seco
- Alguno Road



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will you be closing streets?

A: We will be closing lanes of traffic, but not entire streets. You will always have access to your home - for brief periods, driveway access may be limited.

Q: What are the working hours? Which days?

A: The work days are generally Monday through Saturday, though some Sundays may be required. The work hours are generally 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the City's right of way. The Contractor may have multiple crews working in the neighborhood at any given time.

Q: How loud will it be?

A: You will hear heavy equipment and backup beepers throughout the working hours. Idling of equipment is restricted. The City's noise ordinance applies after 10 p.m. Please work with the City's Inspector if you have specific noise issues.

Q: Will my water be turned off?

A: Yes, there will be times scheduled by the contractor to connect the new water lines to the system and to transfer your service from the old water line to the new water line. During this time, your water will be turned off, but most likely just for a few hours on a single day. We will notify you via flyers posted on the door, prior to turning off the water.

Q: Will you dig up my lawn?

A: Most work will be limited to the right of way. In many cases, the right of way is located behind the sidewalk, in an area that you may consider to be part of your lawn. We will notify you as we start work on your street so that you may remove plants or personal items.

Q: Will you be using the same trench for water and wastewater lines?

A: No, State Law requires at least 9 feet separation between water and wastewater lines. Generally gravity flow lines (wastewater) are built first, then pressure (water).

Q: When will you reconnect service to my home?

A: Once we are ready to work on your street, your services will be replaced in their current locations. Look for the meter box for water service location. Wastewater services should have a cleanout.

When your service has been transferred to the new water line, please run water in your tub to remove any calcium deposits that may loosen up from the water line on your property between the meter and your house. There will not be additional pressure, but you may experience additional volume due to the capacity of new water lines.

If there is a WATER EMERGENCY in your area, such as a water line break, emergency response CREWS will be dispatched FROM AUSTIN WATER to isolate the problem and make a repair. Your water may be turned off in order to complete the repair. NOTICES ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS.

If you would like to receive regular updates about this project, please send an email to Susan.Garnett@austintexas.gov.