



## Meeting Minute

**Project:** Philadelphia Avenue WMR, BT5970A15  
**Date:** February 6, 2018 6:30PM  
**Location:** Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD  
**Subject:** Community Meeting

Attendees: Bhusan Basnet (WSSC), Brandon Stewart (WSSC); Kevin Lethbridge (WSSC); Sanjay Patel (AB); Jignesh Patel (AB); Peter Kovar (Council member, Ward 1); Daryl Braithwaite (City of Takoma Park); and approximately 15 residents.

Mr. Basnet conducted a Power Point presentation outlining the project including the need, benefit, what to expect during construction, temporary water service installation, construction phases, and anticipated construction schedule. After the presentation, the following questions from the residents were addressed by Mr. Basnet, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Lethbridge:

- Q: How far the house connections will be replaced? Any damage to the yard/ lawn?
- A: House connections will be replaced up to the property line. There will be some damages to the lawn/ yard while making the connection to the existing service line. All damages will be restored in kind once the work is completed. When feasible, the service line will be installed 'trenchlessly' which will reduce the damage.
  
- Q: What will happen to a brick/ masonry wall which is located close to a meter?
- A: The contractor may choose to make the connection away from the wall to avoid any damages. The connection can be made where the existing line is found to be in good condition.
  
- Q: How far does the water main replacement work extend on side streets at the intersections?
- A: approximately 50 – 100 LF of pipes on the side streets may need to be replaced to make the connections. Service lines found within the main replacement length on side streets will also be replaced up-to the property line.
  
- Q: How much pipes will be laid each day? How will the traffic be maintained?
- A: Normally 100 to 150 lf/day of new water main will be installed. Flagging operation and traffic control devices, as needed, will be in place to maintain traffic during construction.
  
- Q: How long the flagging operation is needed? what activities will need the flaggers?

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- A: Flagging operation may be needed from start to completion of the construction as the water main project is mainly located on the roadways. The flaggers will be on site while performing various activities such as pavement saw cut, trench excavation, water main installation, final testing, service connections etc.
- Q: Will it be full road mill & overlay?
- A: Yes, it will be from curb to curb or road edge to edge final mill and overlay.
- Q: What will happen to traffic during rush hour? is there any detour?
- A: Work during rush hour will be avoided as much as possible. We expect the normal work hour from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Traffic will be maintained all the time during construction; Side streets, driveways and access to businesses will also remain open, so the traffic control plans reviewed and approved by SHA didn't require detour.
- Q: How WSSC will coordinate work with PEPCO project?
- A: WSSC and PEPCO have exchanged the project design plans to review and coordinate the work. Based on the information provided, PEPCO work will start on/nearby the intersection of Burlington Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue by spring 2019. PEPCO and WSSC will meet again at the pre-construction meeting to further discuss the schedule to avoid the conflict as much as possible.
- Q: What will happen to driveways/ access to homes when the crew is working in front of our homes?
- A: If there is a trench cut in front of driveways, steel plates will be installed to provide access to homes as needed. The field crew and on-site WSSC inspector will assist in this regard. Every attempt will be made to maintain smooth access to homes and businesses.
- Q: How will the residents be notified for shut downs?
- A: Door hanger will be placed 48 hours in advance. In the case when shut down schedule need to be changed due to bad weather, residents will again be notified of the revised shut down schedule.
- Q: What about tree removal?
- A: The installation of new mains and service connections for this project will require removal of approximately 6 trees. Each tree that is removed will be replaced, as needed, with a new close to the original location.  
*\*Notifications to the nearby residents were sent out during the design phase.*
- Q: What will happen to street parking during construction?
- A: Emergency no parking sign will be placed within active work zone. Residents will still be able to park in the areas where the construction work is not actively taking place.
- Q: How about effect on school bus schedule during pick up and drop off?
- A: WSSC team and contractor will coordinate with local schools to minimize the impact on bus schedule.

- Q: Will the new water main and temporary distribution system increase the water pressure?
- A: The pressure in new water distribution system will remain the same. It is not designed to change the pressure.
  
- Q: What will happen to shared/double house connection located on driveway?
- A: It will be replaced with double in most of the cases where it is not feasible to separate them based on the location and site conditions.
  
- Q: Where will the contractor locate staging areas?
- A: The contractor, after the contract is awarded, is responsible to research available/ feasible spaces and secure one for staging. Contractor will notify WSSC of the staging area.
  
- Q: Will sidewalks and driveway apron be replaced as part of this contract?
- A: Sidewalks and driveways that are damaged because of the construction activity of this project will be restored in kind.
  
- Q: What about metal plates left on site?
- A: Covering open trench with metal plates for a short period of time may be needed during major tie-ins of the new water mains. The plates will not be left on site for longer period of time.
  
- Q: What are the circles on the plans?
- A: The circles on the plan/ project map depict Valves location. These valves will be operated to shut off/ turn on water on the existing mains as needed for the construction.
  
- Q: Is 8" thick asphalt is durable for patch work?
- A: Yes, final pavement restoration will be done according to the SHA requirements and trench details included as part of the permit.
  
- Q: How far on the side streets will be impacted by water main shut down?
- A: It depends on location/distance of the nearby valve on Side Streets. All impacted residents will be notified in advance.
  
- Q: Will we experience discolored water during construction?
- A: There is a possibility. Residents are recommended to run cold water in bath tub until the issue is resolved. If the problem still exists, please contact WSSC.