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McCarthy Boulevard Infrastructure Improvements Dewdney Avenue to Mikkelson Drive

A two-year major project is taking place along McCarthy Boulevard between Dewdney Avenue and 4th Avenue which combines sewer renewal, bridge rehabilitation and road renewal work. By combining these significant and complex projects, the City realizes significant cost benefits and efficiencies, as well as the overall duration and disruption to the public is reduced.

Through collaboration, two of the projects will occur simultaneously this year, the sewer renewal and bridge rehabilitation. To accommodate timelines and avoid damages to newly-paved roads and sidewalks by the other construction activities, the road renewal work will occur in year two.

The sewer relining works allows us to renew the sewer pipe without replacement and is more cost-effective method than the traditional method of digging up and replacing the pipe – about 1/3 the cost. As this large pipe is a main trunk, it provides wastewater services to approximately 60 per cent of Regina's residents and therefore cannot be interrupted. Continuous service will be provided using a bypass system which requires large pumps running on generators to operate 24 hours a day. Generators can be noisy, but they must run 24 hours a day to provide wastewater services approximately 150,000 residents.

The McCarthy Boulevard bridges were last improved in 2000. This project will improve the infrastructure and prolong the life of the concrete decks, as well as widen existing sidewalks to accommodate multiuse pathway users.

Year two of this project will take place in 2022 and include renewal of concrete sidewalks and medians, followed by repaving of the asphalt road surface between Brunskill Place and Dewdney Avenue. Information about this portion of the project will be shared in advance of the work next year.

Construction is anticipated to start on Monday, April 26, 2021 with completion in October, weather permitting.

Traffic Impacts

Monday, April 26 to Wednesday, June 30:

- McCarthy Boulevard will be closed to traffic between Dewdney Avenue and 4th Avenue to allow sewer renewal and bridge work to take place.
- Southbound traffic will be closed between 4th Avenue and Oriole Place. Local access will be maintained with detours.
- Sidewalks will be closed along McCarthy Boulevard between Brunskill Place and 8th Avenue.

Thursday, June 30 to mid-October:

- Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction between Dewdney Avenue and Brunskill Place as the remaining bridge work is completed.
- One sidewalk along McCarthy Boulevard will reopen.

The multiuse pathway system in the adjacent parks will remain open during all phases of the project and pedestrians will be able to cross under the McCarthy bridges. Watch for signs.

What do I need to do now?

- Read the sewer relining information sheet to learn more about the technique and what to expect.

What do I need to do when construction begins?

Driving/Parking:

- Do not drive on the roadway when the barricades are in place. This work requires the use of large equipment and may restrict access to the area for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Make other arrangements for parking as you may not have access to your driveway or on-street parking. Please be reminded that alley parking is not permitted as per the *Regina Traffic Bylaw, No. 9900*.

Garbage/Recycling:

- Continue to set out carts prior to 7 a.m. on scheduled day close to the edge of the property. Ensure your address is printed on the cart in black marker if you want the same cart returned to you.

Sewer renewal work will be performed by a private contractor, Insituform Technologies Ltd. Every effort will be made to minimize inconveniences during construction. In order to complete the project as quickly as possible, crews will be working seven days a week with some work being performed overnight.

During construction, Insituform Technologies Ltd. representatives will be available to answer any questions or concerns regarding the pipe rehabilitation work. Please contact Brittany Friesen at 1-866-982-9833 or Kevan Howard at 1-855-835-4455.

During construction you may notice times when no crews are on site, but the area is still closed. This can be for a variety of reasons such as rainy or wet conditions, or to allow for materials to set properly.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, contact Service Regina at 306-777-7000 and reference the information at the top of the letter.

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Transportation and water networks are an essential service. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City continues to assess construction plans and proceed with important infrastructure investment and renewal projects.

The health and safety of residents and staff is a priority for the City of Regina. We work closely with contractors and City crews to ensure protocols are followed to allow work to be carried out in a safe and timely fashion. These protocols include physical distancing, hand hygiene, personal protective equipment and other precautionary measures. Staff will remain distanced from residents and we ask that you not approach crews. If you have questions, contact us at 306-777-7000.

We continue to monitor and adjust plans in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit [Regina.ca/covid19](https://www.regina.ca/covid19) for updates to City services and programs.