



February 15, 2018

TO: Businesses and Residents along Broad Street

FROM: Robert Patrick, Director of Public Service

RE: Broad Street Water Line Project

Greetings!

You may be aware that the City of Wadsworth will soon be beginning a waterline project on Broad Street. This letter is to invite you to a public meeting to learn more about the project and to request information from you. Please complete the form below and return it in the enclosed envelope, so that we may be sure that you are aware of the project and so that we may have accurate contact information, should we need to reach you

We will be holding a public meeting to explain the project in more detail on Thursday February 22nd at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall (120 Maple Street). We plan to record this meeting and air it on our public access station, soon afterward. It will also be available online at <https://my.viebit.com/>.

We will do our best to keep you and all of the Wadsworth community updated on the project using the City's social media pages, our website and our alert system. If you haven't already signed up for alert notices, please visit the homepage of our website and click on the W.E.N.S. link under the "Community Spotlight" section near the bottom.

Below are answers to a number of questions you may already have about the project and to help you understand the impacts you may experience.

What is this project?

The City of Wadsworth has hired a contractor to replace 2 main water lines on Broad Street from Lyman Street to near Summit Street. One water line is in the westbound lane of the road (north side) and one water line is in the tree lawn (devil strip) on the south side of the road.

Why is this being done?

This project represents a significant investment by the City of Wadsworth and will allow the City to provide better overall service and flow to the entire system, will improve fire protection to residents, and will replace outdated infrastructure.

When will the project take place?

The project will begin at the end of February and will be substantially complete in May.

When will the Contractor be working?

The Contractor is planning to work between the hours of 7:00 am to 5 pm, Monday through Thursday, although there may be times when they will need to work outside of that schedule.

How much will this project cost?

This project will cost approximately \$900,000.

Will I be charged or assessed for this project?

No. Costs for the project will not be charged or assessed to the property owners.

Will Broad Street be closed to traffic?

No, the road will not be closed. At least one lane will be open to traffic during the construction period, though there will be some brief periods of full closure. There will also be a period of up to one week when the intersection of Broad Street and Lyman Street will be closed to all traffic.

Traffic will be controlled by flaggers or temporary signal devices during construction times; and two lanes will be open during those times when construction is not taking place.

Will there be a detour?

There will not be a detour for passenger cars. Large trucks will be detoured around the construction area during the project. The detour will be from First Street to Water Street to Main Street and Hartman Road to SR 261 to High Street.

Will my driveway be affected?

Where the water line or service line is constructed, a trench will be dug through your drive apron. The Contractor will be responsible to inform you if your driveway will be affected and will place temporary stone or a steel plate until they come back and make the final repairs to your driveway apron. Your entire driveway apron (from street to sidewalk) will be reconstructed by the contractor with concrete after work is completed.

Will I be able to get in and out of my drive during construction?

The Contractor will be required to provide access to your driveway, though you may not be able to access your driveway when construction is taking place immediately in front of your home.

Will the trees in the tree lawn be removed?

On the south side of the road, most of the trees in the tree lawn (devil strip) will be removed due to the construction of the new line. If this happens, a new tree will be planted in the future. Only a few trees may be removed on the north side of the street and will also be replaced in the future.

Will I be out of water during construction?

In order for the Contractor to connect your house or business and your neighbors' property the new water line, it will be necessary to shut down the water service for 4-6 hours at a time throughout the project. The Contractor will attempt to notify the affected residents prior to shut down. The City has asked that water service be maintained for all affected properties between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; but, it is possible that a break in the line, during construction, may cause emergency shutdowns.

How will the Contractor or City notify me about water service interruptions?

Filling out the attached Resident / Business Information sheet to include both a daytime and evening phone number will aid us in contacting you. If you are a landlord, please share this form with your tenants and ask them to complete it, as well.

Please include any information concerning any special needs regarding your water service in the space provided on the form.

Will my water service line coming to my home or business be replaced with this work?

The water service to a home or business is a shared responsibility. The City is responsible for the water service from the water main in the street to the shut off box located in the tree lawn. This will be replaced as part of the project. The property owner is responsible for the water service line from the shut off box to the house or building.

The Contractor will make every attempt to reconnect your service line to the new shut-off box; however, in some situations, the condition of the service line to your house or building may be so deteriorated that a water tight reconnection cannot be made. If a water tight reconnection can not be made, the Contractor will provide a temporary service to maintain water to your home or business. The property owner will then be responsible for hiring a contractor to install a new water service from the new shut off box to the building and for any internal plumbing repairs that may be required.

Any new water service shall conform to the City of Wadsworth standards and be inspected.

Will the City offer any assistance if this is needed?

Yes, if you are unable to hire a contractor or don't want to go through that process, we have set up a Water Line Service Repair Program with a contractor hired by the City to replace your service line. We solicited prices from local contractors and have selected a contractor with availability to do such work at the lowest price.

It is estimated that the cost for replacement of the waterline service to your home or business will range from approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000. You may elect to pay this cost to the City after the work is complete or you may choose to have it included on your utility bill over a 36 month period at a cost of approximately \$28 to \$50 each month.

Participation in the Water Line Service Repair Program is entirely voluntary, and you do not need to decide whether you wish to enter the program at this time.

Is my water service line made out of lead?

The Contractor will notify you if your water service line is made of lead. If you wish to replace the service line, we are offering the Water Line Service Repair Program to assist you for those types of repairs, as well.

Will I have a different water pressure after the new water line?

Some residents may experience a difference in water pressure, and we will install a pressure reducing valve at no cost to you, if you like. You may prefer the higher pressure; but, that may also lead to issues with old plumbing inside your home. Please note on the attached form whether you are interested in learning more about this, and we will follow up with you to talk about it in more detail.



**Broad Street Water Line
Resident / Business Information**

Address: _____

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Type of Use (circle one): Residential Commercial

Are you interested in having a pressure reducing valve installed? Yes No

There will be brief 4-6 hour interruptions to your service, during the construction period; however, we will try to arrange those times to minimize the impact on your water usage needs.

Please use the space below to describe any special water use needs you may have, if any, or to request that we contact you regarding possible water pressure issues, etc.

Please return using the self-addressed stamped envelope to:

City of Wadsworth
Engineering Department
120 Maple Street
Wadsworth, OH 44281

Or email this information to:
Engineering@wadsworthcity.org