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MSD Connects large diameter sewer line work ongoing in two areas of the city

LOUISVILLE – East Broadway Update: Work continues on the sewer pipe under the East Broadway corridor—Second to Campbell streets—as part of MSD Connects, a comprehensive large diameter sewer line rehabilitation project. This 96- to 84-inch diameter brick sewer—installed in 1866—has experienced failures in different locations as recently as 2009, 2014, 2015, and 2018.

After vital point repairs, the entire pipe receives an epoxy coating that essentially forms a new pipe inside of the old one. As work is complete on the western end of the project, traffic control is removed and relocated to the eastern end of the project. The total rehabilitation is expected to be complete by the end of June.

Cherokee Parkway:

Work began earlier today to rehabilitate a 60-to 72-inch brick sewer line that runs under Cherokee Parkway from Everett Avenue to Grinstead Drive and is expected to be complete in early July. There is no disruption of sewer service during the repair.

Contractors have closed Cherokee Parkway between Grinstead Drive and Willow Avenue. This section of the roadway will remain closed for the duration of the project so that crews can safely access manholes.

Phase 1 involves rehabilitating the pipe from Everett to Willow avenues, which requires the temporary closure of the road on the north side of Cherokee Parkway between Cherokee Road and Everett Avenue. This section is expected to be complete in three weeks, and the road in this area will reopen.

During Phase 2, contractors will focus on the section of pipe between Willow Avenue and Grinstead Drive. Crews first clear debris and clean the pipe, then apply an epoxy coating that essentially forms a new pipe inside the old one.

In January of this year, MSD closed Cherokee Parkway—between Willow Avenue and Grinstead Drive—to perform vital spot repairs to this sewer line, which has served the community since 1900—121 years.

MSD maintains more than 3,300 miles of sewer lines – enough to stretch from California to Maine, and many dating back 75 years or more.

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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 670 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Oldham County. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.