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## Portion of 26<sup>th</sup> Street closed for emergency sewer line repair *Between W Main Street and Slevin Street*

LOUISVILLE, KY – During a routine inspection, MSD crews discovered that the sewer pipe under 26th Street between W Main and Slevin streets is partially blocked with debris and severely deteriorated in several areas. This section of 26th Street is now closed for emergency repair work on the sewer line. Detour signs are in place, with local access for businesses and residents.

Repairs and rehabilitation work will take place from the inside of the pipe. The tedious job of removing debris consisting of rocks, dirt, sand, and fallen bricks built up over time inside the pipe, is ongoing. A pump-around is in place to ensure there is no disruption of sewer service during the repair, which will continue into the fall.

This 60-to-72-inch brick sewer was constructed in sections from 1871 to 1875, serving our community for more than 146 years.

### Background

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.



### 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.