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## Section of Cherokee Parkway to close for sewer line repair *Between Grinstead Drive and Willow Avenue*

LOUISVILLE, KY – The section of Cherokee Parkway between Grinstead Drive and Willow Avenue will be closed to traffic beginning Monday, January 18 while MSD repairs a sewer line. The roadway will be closed for approximately four weeks. Detours will be posted.

A recent inspection revealed to the damage of the 72-inch diameter brick sewer line—installed under the parkway in 1900. Repair work will take place underground inside the pipe. The entry point for crews is near the intersection of Cherokee Parkway and Longest Avenue.

Sewer service will continue uninterrupted for the area. Sewer water will flow in a temporary pipe along the roadway's surface, exiting one manhole and reentering the system in another, keeping the pipe's interior dry during the repair.

The inspection that uncovered the pipe damage is part of a comprehensive sewer line rehabilitation project for MSD. "These proactive inspections of our sewer lines allow MSD to catch and correct the damage before it develops into larger problems," said MSD Chief Engineer David Johnson.

### 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.

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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.