



March 16, 2016

RE: Sewer Main Replacement Project #6935

Dear Neighbor,

In coordination with Mayor Rahm Emanuel's "Building a New Chicago" infrastructure improvement program, and at Alderman Sawyer's request, I would like to provide you with information about an upcoming sewer main construction project in your neighborhood.

Starting in mid-March, the Department of Water Management's private contractor will install 2,000 feet of 24-inch to 48-inch new sewer main in E. 75th Street (Rhodes Avenue-Cottage Grove Avenue) and in S. Evans Avenue (74th Street-75th Street). The old sewer dates back to 1893 and needs to be replaced.

During construction, we will have to close streets, and in some cases, detour traffic. You will always be able to reach your home or business. Safety is our first consideration.

- From mid-March to mid-April, we will require the full and continuous closure of 74th Street at Evans Avenue, and Evans Avenue (74th Street to 75th Street). Detour westbound 74th Street to southbound Cottage Grove Avenue, to westbound 75th Street, to northbound Langley Avenue, and back to westbound 74th Street. Detour southbound Evans Avenue to eastbound 73rd Street, to southbound Cottage Grove Avenue, to westbound 75th Street, and back to southbound Evans. One lane of traffic in each direction on 75th Street will be maintained at all times.
- From mid-April to mid-July, 75th Street will be closed from S. Rhodes Avenue to S. Cottage Grove Avenue. Eastbound 75th Street traffic will be detoured (MLK Drive south, 79th Street east, Cottage Grove Avenue north, and back to 75th Street), and westbound 75th Street traffic will be detoured as well (Cottage Grove Avenue south, 79th Street west, MLK Drive north, and back to 75th Street). The contractor will provide and maintain access for local and emergency vehicles during the construction period.
- From early to late May, the northbound lane of Cottage Grove Avenue at 75th Street will be closed. Northbound traffic will be detoured (79th Street west, MLK Drive north, 71st Street east, and back to Cottage Grove Avenue). The contractor will provide and maintain access for local and emergency vehicles during the construction period.

We will post our work area for “No Parking” as needed during work hours (generally 7am-4pm). We are agreeable to parking outside of those hours, but cars will need to be moved by the start of the next workday. We will try to preserve as much parking as possible.

We know that construction always involves inconveniences and noise. We will do everything possible to maintain your quality of life throughout these projects, and conducting ourselves as good and thoughtful neighbors in the course of our presence on your street.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can either ask the construction foreman during the project, or call any of the following numbers:

- 24-Hour Service and Information Line: 311
- 6th Ward Office: 773-635-0006
- DWM Office of Public Affairs: 312-744-6635

Lastly, if you don’t already have one, I ask you to consider the installation of a water meter in your home to help you save money on your water bill. For more information on this free program, go to www.metersave.org.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during this important infrastructure improvement project.

Sincerely,

Thomas Powers
Commissioner