



Duval improvement Association Meeting

March 4, 2014

Re: PWD Water Main Relay Project

Questions Received from Community Meeting

1. Why is the 300 block of Duval Street not included for water main replacement (when all of the surrounding blocks are included)?

The 200 and 300 blocks of Duval Street (from Sherman to McCallum) are scheduled for water main and sewer replacement (storm and sanitary) and will be bid under a separate contract due to the sewer component. However, we are also evaluating the potential to line the sewers (inserting a machine that applies a layer of cement to the interior wall of the sewer) versus replacement. We will keep the community up to date on this evaluation and the project schedule.

2. How old are the mains that are being replaced? What about the sewers? Would like to confirm that the sewers are in good condition.

The water mains on the affected blocks are approximately 100 years old (cast iron). The sewers are about the same age but have been inspected and confirmed to be in good condition. The mains in these blocks date from between 1899 - 1915 (water) and 1895- 1915 (sewer).

3. 20 years ago the sewer on Sherman Street – between Washington lane and Pomona Street -was supposed to be replaced. Street trees were removed. And then the job was cancelled. What happened to this project? Why was the sewer not replaced?

We checked our records and did not find information regarding a previous sewer replacement job. We have confirmed more recently that the sewer is in good condition.

4. Residents are concerned about the historic integrity of the neighborhood and are looking for assurances that the yellow and red brick removed for the water main replacement work will be protected.

PWD's contractor, Nello Construction, is required to remove, store and replace the brick in the sections of the street disturbed by the water main installation when the work is completed.

5. Residents and State Rep. Kinsey talked to Nello's foreman who told them that Nello would be willing to replace add' l brick that residents have stored over the years on the streets where Nello is working. Is this a cost that PWD will bear?

Nello has confirmed his willingness to place bricks that residents have been storing in the sections of street that Nello is required to repave as a result of the water main installation. The Streets Department also noted that over time, they would be willing to replace the brick that residents have stored. But this work will take a number of years due to the City's limited resources.

6. Residents are concerned about traffic patterns, bus routes and general vehicular and pedestrian safety.

PWD and the contractor have a traffic safety plan in the contract specifications that include working with SEPTA. Any bus routes that may require a detour call for a minimum of two weeks advance notice to SEPTA.

7. What is the construction schedule, i.e., in what order will the street work take place? Noted that construction should take approximately one month/block with good weather.

The contractor will most likely follow Sherman up to Pomona to Moylan and then tackle the larger streets. Residents on the impacted blocks will be notified when the work is ready for their block.

8. Will residents' retaining walls be impacted by the water service connection work?

Water service connections to the new water main should not impact retaining walls. But if this should occur, the contractor is required to restore all property to pre-construction conditions (pre-construction photos are taken at each property to document pre-construction conditions)

9. Where will PWD's inspector's trailer be placed? What is the inspector's name and contact info?

The PWD Inspector is Reggie Nwakanma.

10. Greene Street between Washington Lane and Haines was a water/sewer replacement job.
 - What are our plans to fix the street? Will it be redone?
 - When will this work occur?

Penndot has not conducted their final inspection of the street. At this time, there are no plans to redo Greene Street between Washington Lane and Walnut Lane.