

# Willamette River Watershed

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## Construction Starts Soon SE 42nd and Powell Manhole Replacement Project

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Over one-third of Portland's 2,500 miles of sewer pipes are more than 80 years old.

Projects to replace or repair aging sewers are important for protecting water quality, public health, and the environment.

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### Project Background

Environmental Services will start work this month on a project to replace a manhole and sewer pipe on SE 42nd Avenue between SE Powell Boulevard and Rhone Street (see map on back). The 24 inch diameter pipe conveys sewage and stormwater when it rains. This project will repair broken pipe segments and reduce the potential for pipe failure.

### Schedule

Northwest Kodiak Construction LLC is scheduled to start work on the project the week of September 23rd. Construction crews may work Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Road Closure

SE 42nd Avenue will close to through traffic from SE Powell Boulevard to SE Francis Street during construction. The contractor will maintain local access for residents in the construction zone, but you should expect delays.

SE 42nd will remain closed all hours and all days until construction is complete. The construction zone will take up nearly the width of the road. Construction crews will excavate a nearly 30-foot deep trench to replace the manhole and sewer pipe.

### Bicycle Access

Cyclists traveling on SE 42nd Avenue will be re-routed to the sidewalk between SE Powell Boulevard and Francis Street during construction. There may be delays.

### What to Expect During Construction

- Some street parking will be unavailable during work and non-work hours.
- Traffic congestion in the area will increase and you may experience delays in getting to your destination.
- Construction will create noise, vibration, and dust and will disrupt normal neighborhood activity.
- Equipment and material will be secured and left on the street after work hours.
- There may be periods of inactivity between construction phases.

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- A city construction inspector will be on-site during work hours. If you have an immediate need during construction, the on-site inspector may be able to assist you. Inspectors typically wear a safety vest and hard hat.

**Please let us know if you have concerns about issues such as disability access, medical deliveries, or business operations. Thank you for working with us on this important sewer project.**

