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Vernon-Sabin-Alameda North Sewer Project Construction Update

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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 is working on a project to repair deteriorating sewer pipes in the Vernon, Sabin and Alameda neighborhoods, roughly north of the Alameda Ridge (see map on back). The project will improve sewer system reliability and add capacity to the collection system. You may see crews working near your property in the coming weeks and months.

Construction is Ongoing

Crews are nearly finished with work along NE 32nd Place between Skidmore and Mason streets, and have been making progress in their work on NE 31st and Regents and on NE 22nd and 23rd and Emerson. Next, they are planning to move to NE Alberta and 18th and then NE Alberta and 31st (see map on back).

Work typically occurs in several stages. Crews first replace or repair the main sewer line, which runs down the center of the street. They sometimes use open trench construction, and sometimes they can access the old pipe through smaller trenches and manholes and install a new pipe liner. Second, crews repair, replace or construct laterals, which connect individual properties to the sewer main. Finally, crews return to the area to pave and restore the street. There may be periods of inactivity between these construction phases.

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Schedule

Completion of the entire project is scheduled to take no more than one year. Work in specific areas will typically last between a few weeks and several months. We will continue to be in touch throughout this project.

What to expect during Construction

- Construction hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The contractor may schedule work during the same hours on Saturdays.
- There may be temporary lane restrictions and road closures. You may be delayed traveling into, out of, or through the area while work is ongoing.
- On-street parking in or near the work area will be prohibited during work hours. Signs will indicate the extent of the closures.
- Equipment and materials may be secured and stored on nearby streets overnight.
- You will have sewer service at all times, even when work is near your building.
- Construction will create noise, vibration and dust and may disrupt normal neighborhood activity.
- A city construction inspector will be on-site during work hours, and may be able to assist you with construction concerns. Inspectors typically wear a safety vest and hard hat.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important sewer repair project. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns; we will be happy to work with you.

