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Taggart Outfall Sewer Repair Project Drilling Starts in October

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Environmental Services is designing a project to repair the 105-year-old brick Taggart Outfall sewer so that it can operate for another hundred years. Engineers are collecting data to better understand the extent of needed repairs.

Between early October and November, work crews will be drilling holes, taking soil and water samples, and inspecting manholes to understand the condition of the Taggart Outfall sewer.



A sonic drill rig will be used in October 2014

Construction is expected to begin in 2016.

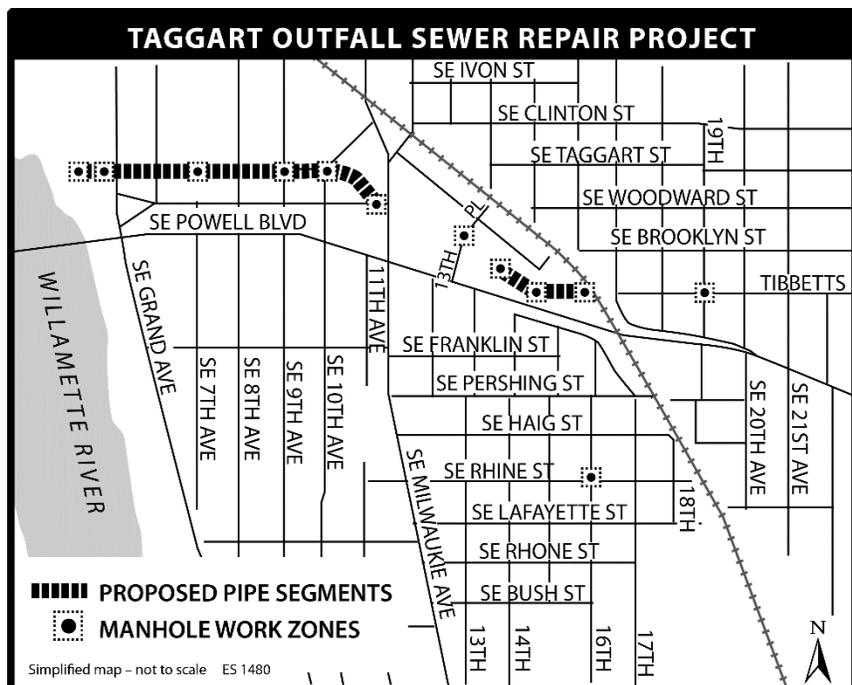
Investigation and Drilling

For approximately two months beginning in early October, work crews will be inspecting and entering manholes to evaluate the pipe. Later in October, crews will be drilling eight-inch holes in street pavement using a sonic drill rig to take soil and water samples at several locations.

This work will help design engineers understand conditions that construction crews may encounter in the future. What the engineers learn from analysis of soil, rock and pavement samples will help them determine the best construction methods to use.

What to Expect

Work will occur Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Entering the manholes will require temporary lane closures. Drilling will require temporary lane restrictions and on-street parking closures.



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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. Learn more at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes.

There may be brief periods of noise, dust, and mild vibration during drilling, similar to that produced by a diesel generator. Work at each location will last approximately four to eight hours. Environmental Services will work closely with adjacent business and property owners to minimize impacts.

For More Information

To learn more about the project, visit the project web page at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/taggart. We will be sending periodic email updates to keep you posted on the schedule, possible traffic detours, delays and lane restrictions. Please sign up now to receive updates by emailing Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov with “Taggart” in the subject line.

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