



### Project Information

The City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is replacing approximately 400 linear feet of deteriorated sewer main at risk of imminent failure and reinstating associated sewer service laterals along the 3800 block of Hermitage Road. Utility surveys will be required to take place prior to the start of work, which may require access to the exterior of private residential properties adjacent to the project site. The worksite is bounded to the north by Bellevue Avenue and to the south by West Laburnum Avenue. In order to expedite the replacement of the deteriorated sewer system as well as to minimize impact to local residents, southbound Hermitage Road between Bellevue Avenue and West Laburnum Avenue will be completely closed to thru-traffic (access to residences located within the work zone will be provided by the Contractor) for the duration of the project.

### Project Schedule

This work will begin in June 2023 and is anticipated to continue through August 2023, barring any weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances.

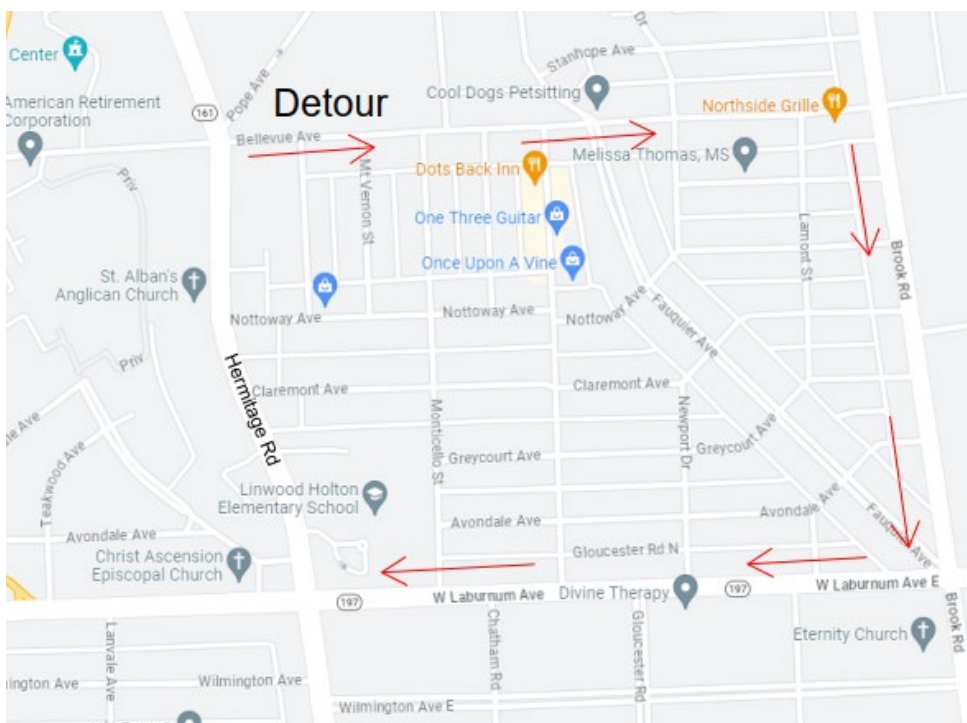
### Traffic Impacts

A Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan has been developed by the Contractor performing the work and approved by the City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW). Southbound Hermitage Road will be completely closed to thru-traffic between Bellevue Avenue and West Laburnum Avenue. This closure will remain in place 24/7, until the completion of the project. Adjacent neighborhoods to the east and west of the project site will be accessed via Bellevue Avenue or West Laburnum Avenue. Additionally, a variable message board will be posted in Henrico Co. north of the I-95 on-ramp to notify southbound commuter traffic along Hermitage Rd. of the closure and to direct traffic to take Westbrook Ave. to get south into the City. Northbound traffic on Hermitage Road will not be impacted by this work.

Work hours are scheduled from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm daily, Monday through Friday. During the work, there will be large trucks and other construction equipment operating daily, which will result in an increased level of noise during working hours. Local residents that live within the work zone will be provided safe access to and from their homes through the work zone. *Please note that 7:00 am – 8:00 am will be dedicated to staging construction, so there will be minimal noise.*

Each resident will be notified a minimum of 48 hours prior to any work commencing on their respective sewer service lateral that is anticipated to impact their sewer service. This notice will be given via a “door hanger” style tag that will be hand delivered to the residents on an as-needed basis.

The proposed detour can be seen below:



## Sewer Replacement FAQs

### **What is the purpose of the project?**

To replace multiple sections of sanitary sewer that are at risk of imminent failure. Most sewers were installed in the early 1900's and have deteriorated to the point that they have begun to leak, have failed (collapsed), or are at risk of failure. The sewers included in this project are being replaced and relocated into the road.

### **How will this project affect my sewer service, and how will I be notified?**

Our goal is to minimize the impact on residents to the greatest extent possible. As the project continues, the contractor will notify residents via door hanger notices prior to work starting on your sewer service. There may be times when you are asked to limit or reduce the amount of water you discharge to the sewer. A separate door hanger or verbal notification from the contractor will advise you when your sewer service is going to be affected.

### **How long will the project take?**

This project is scheduled to take approximately two months to complete. Work will be continuous, Monday - Friday, unless impacted by weather, equipment failure or other unforeseen circumstances.

### **Will trees along Hermitage Road be removed?**

Tree removal is being minimized to the extent possible. The existing sewer runs beneath seven trees along Hermitage Road. If the sewer were replaced in the same trench, all of these trees would have to be removed. However, the sewer is being relocated to the middle of southbound Hermitage Road to minimize the impact to existing trees to the extent feasible.

### **How will traffic be affected?**

The Maintenance of Traffic Plan will be implemented as detailed on the previous page. Front resident access to properties adjacent to the worksite will be maintained at all times, but southbound thru traffic on Hermitage Road will not be allowed. Road closures will be posted on the Department of Public Utilities street closing Twitter feed (@DPUSStreetNews). Every effort will be made to allow access to residences when it's feasible and safe.

### **How will I enter my property if my residence is located within the immediate work zone or the larger traffic detour?**

Residents, guests, contractors and delivery trucks will have 24/7 access to the front of the properties. The contractor will accommodate and move equipment as needed to ensure safe access to and from residences. If you reside in a neighborhood where direct access is blocked due to road closures, please follow all traffic signage to access your property. Access to private properties will be maintained.

### **How can I coordinate deliveries and access to my property if I am out of town?**

If you live within the work zone, send an email to [James.Kvaternik@RVA.gov](mailto:James.Kvaternik@RVA.gov) with your name, address, phone number and expected delivery times and the contractor will coordinate access upon arrival to the work zone. If your address is not within the immediate work zone, deliveries will not be impacted by this project.

### **How will trash collection be impacted?**

Trash collection pick-up locations will not be impacted by this work. If you live on the west side of Hermitage Road between Bellevue Avenue and Laburnum Avenue, please put your trash bins out the evening before your normal trash collection day.

### **Will law enforcement be present in the work zone during construction?**

No.

### **Will traffic be redirected through adjacent residential streets?**

No. "No Thru Traffic" signs will be posted at the Bellevue Avenue and Hermitage Road directing traffic to Brook Road via Bellevue Avenue.

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If you have questions or comments about this project, please contact the Department of Public Utilities:

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