



Department of Public Utilities

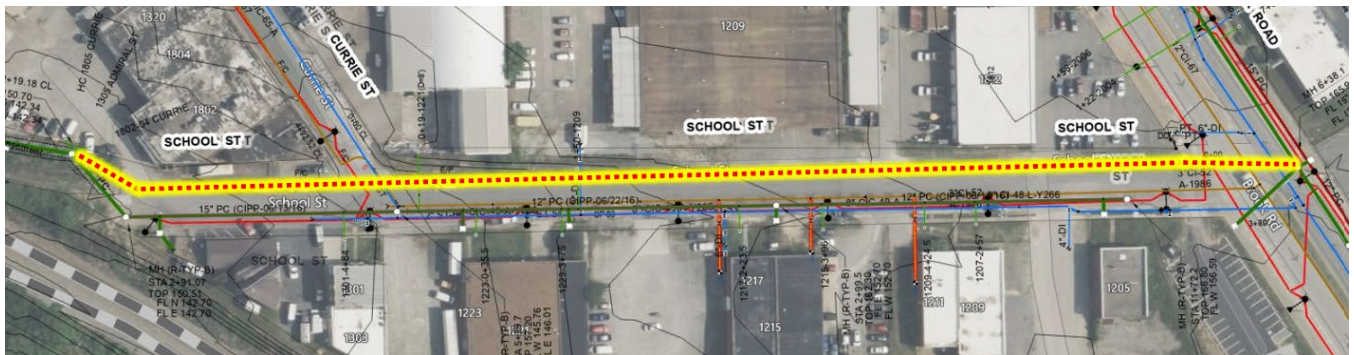
Emergency Sewer Repair – School Street

Project Information

The City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities (DPU) will be conducting emergency repairs on a deteriorated sewer main under the CSX railroad west of School Street. As part of this work, DPU's contractor will be installing a temporary sewer bypass system along School Street from Brook Road to the railroad track to allow for safe manhole replacement and sewer access. In order to minimize local business disturbance, the bypass system will be buried underneath the pavement on School Street. During installation of the bypass, there will be times when access to businesses and street parking may be limited. The contractor will install the bypass at business entrances as quickly as possible to minimize disturbance and will make every effort not to impede access. Installation of this bypass system will allow for continued use of sanitary facilities throughout the duration of the project.

Project Location

The work will take place along School Street between Brook Road and the CSX railroad. School Street and Brook Road will remain open during this time, although there will be heavy equipment and increased construction vehicular traffic during the project. The map below identifies the temporary bypass system to be installed as described above.



Project Schedule

This work will begin October 12, 2026, and is anticipated to continue through December 2026, barring any weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances.

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. Impacted businesses within the work zone will be provided with safe vehicular access to and from their businesses through the work zone.

Sewer Replacement FAQs

What is the purpose of the project?

To repair a failing sewer system under the CSX railroad track.

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

Our goal is to minimize the impact on businesses to the greatest extent possible. Sewer bypass systems will be set up so toilets and wash facilities can still be utilized. There may be times when you are asked to limit or reduce the amount of water you discharge to the sewer. A door hanger or verbal notification from the contractor will advise you when your sewer service is going to be affected a minimum of 48 hours in advance.

How long will the project take?

This project is scheduled to take three months to complete beginning October 12, 2026. Work will be continuous, Monday - Friday, unless impacted by weather, equipment failure, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Will I be able to access my business and how will traffic be affected?

Access will be provided throughout the work zone. School Street and Brook Road will remain open throughout the duration of the project.

How will parking be impacted?

Please observe and follow directions of "Closed Lanes" and "No Parking" signs around the work zone areas.

Parking will be limited for the safety of citizens as well as construction personnel. Any areas of “No Parking” will be posted as far in advance as possible, but at least 48 hours in advance of the work being performed.

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

No.

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

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