Sewer Tunnel Cleaning
East River Pkwy + Thornton St

Sewer cleaning begins early August 2022

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro area wastewater collection and treatment system, will begin cleaning the sanitary sewer pipe along East River Parkway between Oak Street and Thornton Street in early August.

Cleaning will occur Monday through Saturday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. This work will be completed by the end of September.

Cleaning activities include:

- Inspecting the pipes using CCTV and sonar equipment to verify debris quantities
- Removing debris from the pipes using high velocity jetting equipment and pumps
- Hauling dried debris from the site in sealed containers for disposal at a landfill
- Restoring pavement disturbed during the work

For more information on the project, or to learn more about the sewer cleaning process, please visit our project website.

What to expect during the work

- Large construction equipment will be used to clean the wastewater conveyance system.
- Generators will be used to operate the pumps.
- Dust, noise, and sewer odors will likely occur. We will work to minimize these impacts.
- Northbound East River Parkway will be closed between Franklin Avenue and Thornton Street. Traffic will be detoured using Thornton Street and Franklin Avenue.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained around the work zone. Pedestrians should follow any posted detour routes.

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