Sewer Tunnel Cleaning
Exchange St + Chestnut St

Sewer cleaning begins the week of September 19

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro area wastewater collection and treatment system, will begin cleaning the sanitary sewer pipe along Exchange Street between Chestnut Street and Eagle Parkway the week of September 19.

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

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

Northwest-bound Chestnut Street will be reduced to a single lane between 7th Street and Eagle Parkway.

Southwest-bound Exchange Street will be reduced to a single lane around the work zone.

Large construction equipment will be used to clean the wastewater conveyance system.

The northwest sidewalk along Exchange Street will be closed approximately 200 feet from the Chestnut Street intersection. Pedestrians should use the sidewalk on the southeast side of Exchange Street.

Generators will be used to operate the pumps.

Dust, noise, and sewer odors will likely occur. We will work to minimize these impacts.

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