MEI Rehabilitation
Main Street & 2nd Avenue

Project overview

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, will be rehabilitating their Minneapolis East Interceptor (MEI) system at six sites in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The MEI system consists of two parallel pipes connected by six control gates. The gates help control and direct sewer flow through the system. The system is aged and requires rehabilitation to manage flow and to minimize the risk of spills and other environmental impacts.

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The MEI system rehabilitation work near Main Street and 2nd Avenue will begin January 2022 and is estimated to be completed by the end of April 2022. Rehabilitation work in this area includes:

- Pavement removal and demolition of an existing out of service underground diversion structure.
- Sewer pipe cleaning and rehabilitation of the diversion structure.
- Clean up and restoration of any disturbed areas.

What to expect during construction

Temporary closure of Main Street between Merriam Street and 3rd Avenue (see map). Southbound traffic will be detoured using Hennepin Avenue, University Avenue, and 3rd Avenue. Northbound traffic will be detoured using 3rd Avenue, 4th Street, and 1st Avenue.

Pedestrian and bicyclist access will be maintained. Please follow posted detour signs.

We will coordinate with emergency service providers to provide access during construction.

No parking will be available on Main Street between Merriam Street and 3rd Avenue during this work.

Noise, dust, and odors generated in and around the work area.

More Information

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