Crews will halt work over the holidays and have the work sites secured and cleaned up by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22. Construction activities will resume as early as 7 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022.

**Long-term closure of Main Street begins Monday, January 3**

Crews will soon begin rehabilitating the MEI system near Main Street and 2nd Avenue. Starting at 7 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022, Main Street will close between Merriam Street and 3rd Avenue.

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.

This closure is necessary for crews to rehabilitate and clean the sanitary sewer pipes and structures along Main Street. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2022.

**Long-term parking restrictions**
Starting on January 3, no parking will be allowed along Main Street between Merriam Street and 3rd Avenue through the end of April 2022. This is to keep Main Street safe for visitors to the area and workers, to maintain access for Emergency Service vehicles and delivery/service vehicles to the local businesses, and to allow space for construction equipment and materials.

**Pedestrian & Bicycle Access**
Pedestrian and bicycle access will be maintained. Please follow any posted detour signs.

**Businesses remain open**
Businesses in the area will remain open during construction. Please park along adjacent side streets or in parking ramps/structures near Main Street.

*Construction activities and schedules are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances*

*See below for more information*
Sewer cleaning
Work will include cleaning the sewer pipes and structures along Main Street between 1st Avenue NE and 3rd Avenue SE. Cleaning will occur Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and may include some Saturdays between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. This work is estimated to be completed by the end of April 2022, but is dependent on weather and other factors, including how much debris is in the sewer pipe. For more information on sewer cleaning, please see the “Why clean sanitary sewer pipes?” section below.

Rehabilitation and sewer cleaning activities continue near the Marshall Street and 22nd Avenue intersection

Crews continue rehabilitating the sewer pipes and structures near 22nd Avenue and Marshall Street and cleaning the sewer pipes under Marshall Street and Randolph Street from 22nd Avenue to 25th Avenue. These activities will continue through January 2022.

22nd Avenue remains closed to through traffic between Marshall Street and Grand Street. The northbound lane of Marshall Street remains closed to through traffic between 22nd Avenue and 23rd Avenue.

Northbound traffic is detoured using Broadway Street, 2nd Street, and Lowry Avenue. Marshall Street remains open to southbound traffic in this area.

Business access
Access to businesses remains open to northbound traffic between Broadway Street and 22nd Avenue.

Residential access
Access to driveways off Marshall Street between 22nd Avenue and 23rd Avenue remains open. There may be periodic, short-term delays while crews move equipment and materials in the area.
**Residential access continued**
Residents off 22nd Avenue between Marshall Street and Grand Street should continue to access their homes from Grand Street or access the alleyway from 23rd Avenue. No access is available from Marshall Street to 22nd Avenue.

**Other road and sidewalk impacts**
Temporary parking impacts remain along the east side of Marshall Street and on 22nd Avenue between Marshall Street and California Street.

Sidewalk closures may be necessary to complete this work. Pedestrians should watch for any posted detour signs around the work areas.

**Why clean sanitary sewer pipes?**
MCES periodically needs to clean the sanitary sewer pipes and structures to remove the debris that has accumulated during the years the pipes have been in service. By removing debris in the sewer lines, we improve flow which helps reduce sewer odors from building up in the lines. This also helps extend the life of the pipes and structures by removing corrosive causing debris.

**Cleaning process**
To clean the sewer pipes, one crew will use special equipment with hoses to jet water through the pipes, and another crew will remove the debris and other materials and haul it to a licensed landfill.

Once the hoses are set up at a maintenance access structure, they will remain in place until cleaning has been completed. We will continue to do our best to mitigate nose and odors, but you will temporarily experience more noise and odors than usual while crews clean the sewer structures and pipes.

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