Work is continuing as planned. Current activities are listed below.

24-hour pumping
Installation of the temporary aboveground wastewater conveyance pipe systems is complete. The system that runs along the west side of Hiawatha Ave between E Minnehaha Parkway and E 52nd Street will remain in place through October of this year. The system that runs on the north side of E Minnehaha Pkwy between 38th Avenue N and 44th Avenue S will remain in place until late summer 2021.

Wastewater is being diverted through these temporary systems, and electric pumps will run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until the temporary conveyance systems are removed. Crews will be onsite 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, monitoring the pumps while the temporary wastewater conveyance systems remain active. Backup diesel pumps will be used if there is a loss of electrical power, and on an occasional basis to maintain the electric pumps.

Tunnel cleaning
Crews continue cleaning the sewer pipes that run along the Mississippi River. This work is anticipated to be completed by late October of this year.

W River Parkway remains closed to traffic between 33rd Street and 36th Street to allow access to the underground pipes and to store equipment and materials that are needed to clean the pipes.

Traffic should follow the posted detour route using 36th Street, 46th Avenue and 32nd Street (see map on the right).

Pedestrian access remains open, but there may be temporary pathways or surfaces. Crews will be on site to help direct people around the work area as needed.
Other closures on West River Road
The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) has ongoing closures on W River Parkway to provide better social distancing for pedestrians. For more information on their closures, please visit the MPRB website at https://www.minneapolisparks.org/activities__events/road_closures/.

Other project road and trail closures/restrictions
- 52nd Street is closed between the alleyway and 47th Avenue through October 2020.
- 47th Avenue between 44th Avenue and 52nd Street remains a temporary one-way street through October 2020.
- The intersection of 39th Avenue and E Minnehaha Parkway remains closed through July 2021.
- Hiawatha Bicycle Trail between Minnehaha Creek Trail and Minnehaha Parkway remains closed through July 2021.

Safety reminder
Trail users, for your safety, please remember to follow any posted detour signs and do not cross the fenced off areas.

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

Crews are cleaning the sewer tunnel that runs north of E Minnehaha Parkway in preparation of the sewer tunnel rehabilitation work.

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