

12th and 13th Streets Water Transmission Main Project

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities is planning on constructing the 12th and 13th Streets Water Transmission Main Project. The project will replace existing 20-inch and 24-inch diameter riveted steel water pipelines constructed in 1915.

Why is the City replacing the water transmission main?

The original pipelines, installed in 12th Street from H Street to Q Street, were part of the riveted steel water main grid constructed in downtown Sacramento between 1870 and 1950. Over time the old pipes, made of steel sheets and connected with rivets, corrodes and requires replacement. The Department has systematically replaced a large portion of the 63,300 feet of riveted steel pipelines. The new project will help ensure a reliable water supply to the City of Sacramento and reduce the potential for property damage due to water main breaks.

Where will the new transmission main be placed?

The new 24-inch water main will follow the existing alignment on 12th Street from H Street to L Street, proceed down L Street to 13th Street and down 13th Street to Q Street (see map on back). The project also installs new fire hydrants and small distribution water mains within the described limits of the new main.

How long will this project last?

The 12th and 13th Streets Water Transmission Main Project is anticipated to begin in August 2009 and continue for a year.

What are some of the impacts of this project?

This work will bring traffic, noise and on-street parking impacts to the area. City Utilities staff will be working to notify area residents and businesses as well as regional visitors regarding the impacts of the work and potential detours. Additionally, all work will be sealed with temporary pavement each night to allow for travel in the area around the project.

Who can I call with questions?

Please contact Bill Zehnder, Project Manager, with the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities at 808-5454 or bzehnder@cityofsacramento.org.

Three easy ways to learn more about the project:

1. Visit our webpage: www.cityofsacramento.org/downtownwater.
2. Call the City's 24-Hour Utilities information line at (916) 808-5454 for emergencies or to be forwarded to project manager Bill Zehnder.
3. Request e-mail project updates by calling Tammy at (916) 448-2440 or at Tammy.Nguyen@hdrinc.com.

