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HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE CONSTRUCTED?
Construction on 9th Street will average about two months per 1 to 1.5 blocks starting in the south and heading north.

WHAT TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES CAN I EXPECT?
Construction crews will be replacing aged infrastructure with 42 to 60-inches in diameter combined sewer pipelines. Therefore, you may see large pipes, trucks and other equipment throughout the corridors.

HOW WILL THE PROJECT IMPACT ME?
During construction, access to businesses and residents will remain open at all times and traffic alerts will be sent before any closures. Flaggers will be stationed at designated areas to maintain safe travel. A construction liaison will work closely with property owners and occupants throughout construction to inform them of upcoming activities and address concerns regarding potential impacts that may include:

- Lane Closures
- Traffic Delays
- Detours
- Noise, Dust & Vibration
- Temporarily Closed Crosswalks
- Loss of Parking

HOW LONG WILL CONSTRUCTION TAKE?
Construction along 9th Street was expected to begin in Aug. 2017; however, after completing much potholing and investigation work, it was determined that additional work from outside utilities such as PG&E and fiber optic companies needed to occur before the sewer upgrade continued. After much delay, the sewer upgrade along this corridor began after the first of the year and is anticipated to conclude in early Sept. 2018.

STAY UPDATED
Sign up on the website to receive electronic updates!
The City understands the inconveniences this important infrastructure upgrade may cause and appreciates your patience. Together, we can build the groundwork for an upgraded Downtown system.