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MSD proactively closes additional section of 15th Street for emergency sewer line repair *between Maple and W Breckinridge streets*

LOUISVILLE, KY – MSD crews have completed a proactive inspection of the entire sewer line running under 15th Street between W Chestnut Street to W Breckinridge Street. The inspection revealed another deteriorated area in the brick sewer pipe. Therefore, the roadway is now closing between Maple and W Breckinridge streets. The agency previously closed the section of 15th Street between Broadway and Magazine Street due to a street cave-in. Detour signs will direct motorists in the area. There is no closure of the sidewalks.

Plans are underway for the emergency repair of this egg-shaped—36-inch by 54-inch—brick sewer built by hand in 1880 and has served our community for 142 years.

There will be **no disruption of sewer service** during the repair. There is no estimate of how long the repair will take at this time.

Background

MSD maintains more than 3,300 miles of sewer lines – enough to stretch from California to Maine, and many dating back 75 years or more.

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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 670 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Bullitt and Oldham counties. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.