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MSD opens a portion of 26th Street in time for the start of a new school year

Roadway open between Slevin Street and Alford Avenue

LOUISVILLE – MSD crews are making an all-out effort to do their part in easing the start of the new school year for students and parents at Atkinson Elementary and the Mighty Oak Academy. The section of 26th Street between Slevin Street and Alford Avenue, previously closed for emergency sewer line repair, is now open for northbound traffic allowing school buses and cars to access the two institutions.

Work continues inside the pipe—between St.Cecilia and W Main streets—on the sewer line running 15 feet below 26th Street. The 60-72-inch brick pipe is part of the sewer system that has served this area for 150 years. Crews are currently performing the tedious job of removing debris consisting of rocks, dirt, sand, and fallen bricks that have built up over time in preparation for the structural repair and rehabilitation of the entire length of the project. Additionally, MSD is adding a manhole at the intersection of 26th and Duncan allowing another entry and exit access point for the repair.

MSD expects the emergency repair work to continue into October.

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Background

During a routine inspection, MSD crews discovered that the sewer pipe under 26th Street between W Main and Slevin streets was partially blocked with debris and severely deteriorated in several areas. As a result, this section of roadway was closed for emergency repair work on the sewer line with detour signs in place and local access for businesses and residents. This 60-to-72-inch brick sewer was constructed in sections from 1871 to 1875, serving our community for more than 146 years.

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 Oldham County. 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.