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MSD to begin opening a section of Broadway between Second and Hancock streets to traffic this Friday

Work continues on Cherokee Parkway

LOUISVILLE – MSD work on Broadway, which began with an urgent repair in October 2020, is scheduled to wrap up by the end of June. While work continues on the pipe underground between Hancock and Campbell streets, the section of Broadway between Second and Hancock is scheduled to open this Friday.

As part of MSD Connects—a comprehensive large sewer line rehabilitation project—this 96- to 84-inch diameter brick sewer—installed in 1866—has experienced failures in different locations as recently as 2009, 2014, 2015, and 2018.

After vital point repairs, crews rehabilitate the pipe with a high-strength epoxy that is stronger than the original mortar and will serve to extend the life of the sewer pipe. As work is complete on the western end of the project, traffic control is removed and relocated to the eastern end of the project. The total rehabilitation is expected to be complete by the end of June.

Cherokee Parkway

Work is ongoing to rehabilitate a 60-to 72-inch brick sewer pipe—installed in 1900—that runs under Cherokee Parkway, and the work is expected to be complete in early July. Contractors closed Cherokee Parkway between Grinstead Drive and Willow Avenue for the project's duration so that crews can safely access manholes.

Crews first clear debris and clean the pipe, then rehabilitate the pipe with a high-strength epoxy that strengthens the pipe structure to extend the service life of the pipe. There is no disruption of sewer service during the repair.

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 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.