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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **TRAFFIC ALERT: Seventh Street between Main Street and River Road — closures and lane reductions for tunnel and flood protection work**

LOUISVILLE, KY — Sewer line work to make a connection for the Waterway Protection Tunnel will begin on Friday, July 20, on Seventh Street. This work will require that Seventh become one lane between Main Street and River Road. This lane reduction will go through November 30, 2018.

### **Weekend closure**

Additionally, MSD must close that section of roadway — Seventh Street between Main Street and River Road — over the weekend for a practice of the floodwall closure in this area. MSD is required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to practice each floodwall closure on a three-year rotating basis. This practice will begin Saturday, July 21, and run through Sunday, July 22.

### **Three-day closures**

Seventh Street will close between Main Street and River Road for additional Waterway Protection Tunnel work over these three-day periods, Friday through Sunday: July 27, 28 and 29; August 3, 4 and 5.

**Patrons of the Muhammad Ali Garage should enter from Sixth Street during these closures.**

### **MORE ON THE PROJECT:**

The sewer line work in the Seventh and Main streets area will allow the capture of sewer overflow points that currently discharge to the Ohio River. The sewer line is part of MSD's Waterway Protection Tunnel project.

Once complete, the [Waterway Protection Tunnel](#) will serve as an innovative way to store Louisville's excess sewer and rainwater underground until it can be pumped to a wastewater treatment facility. The tunnel eliminates 22 combined sewer overflow points that put more than 351 million gallons of the combined sewer and rainwater into the South Fork of Beargrass Creek and the Ohio River. By the end of 2020, MSD will capture and treat 98 percent of the combined sewer overflow volume in a typical year of rain.

**WHEN:**

**July 20 – November 30, 2018**

Seventh Street will become one lane between Main Street and River Road beginning July 20 and remain one lane through November 30, 2018.

**July 21 – 22**

Seventh Street will be closed to traffic between Main Street and River Road July 21 and 22.

**July 27, 28 and 29**

**August 3, 4 and 5**

Seventh Street will close between Main Street and River Road.

**LEARN MORE:** The public can keep up to date on the project at [LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel](http://LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel) or Twitter with [#MSDtunnel](https://twitter.com/MSDtunnel). Sign up to receive regular updates on the project at [LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel/newsletter](http://LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel/newsletter)



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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 630 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. 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.