MEDIA ADVISORY

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TRAFFIC ALERT: Intersection at Lexington Road and Baxter Avenue to close for sewer line construction beginning June 11

LOUISVILLE, KY — Sewer line work will begin in the intersection of Lexington Road and Baxter Avenue on Monday, June 11 after morning rush hour (approximately 10 AM).

Work in this intersection was delayed due to the emergency repair work on East Liberty Street. MSD did not want to add to traffic delays since this closure is only one block from the emergency repair area.

All businesses in the Lexington Road and Baxter Avenue area will be open during construction with access to parking. Local detours are marked. Commuter traffic, between the Highlands and downtown, detours to Broadway and East Chestnut Street.

MORE ON THE PROJECT:
The sewer line work in the Lexington Road and Baxter Avenue area will allow the capture of nine sewer overflow points that currently discharge to Beargrass Creek. 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 rain water underground until it can be pumped to a treatment facility. The tunnel eliminates 22 combined sewer overflow points that put more than 351 million gallons of the combined sewer and rain water 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:
The intersection will close after 10 AM on June 11, 2018. It will reopen no later than August 7, 2018.

WHERE:
The intersection of Lexington Road and Baxter Avenue will close after 10 AM on June 11 to allow connections from existing sewer lines to that new sewer line. One block of Lexington Road is open to local access only between Baxter and Hamilton avenues.
LEARN MORE: The public can keep up to date on the project at LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel or Twitter with #MSDtunnel. Sign up to receive regular updates on the project at LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel/newsletter