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Center lanes of E Broadway closed for public safety concerns *Between South Floyd and South Jackson streets*

LOUISVILLE – During an inspection of a large sewer pipe that runs under the middle lane of Broadway, contractors discovered that the pipe is partially blocked and failing between South Floyd and South Jackson streets. MSD contractors were inspecting the pipe as part of a comprehensive sewer line rehabilitation project. The blockage was caused by debris from two large holes in the pipe in that area.

This 96-inch diameter brick sewer—installed in 1866—has experienced failures in different locations as recently as 2018, 2015, 2014 and 2009.

The center lanes of Broadway are closed to traffic as MSD accesses the situation. For now, one westbound and two eastbound lanes remain open in that area.

There is no disruption of sewer or other utility service in the area. There is no estimate on a repair completion date 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.



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. 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.