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PWSA IS PERFORMING ROAD RESTORATION ON FORBES AVENUE IN OAKLAND

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) contractors are performing full road reconstruction on Forbes Avenue in Oakland after a 20-inch water main break on February 26, 2016, created unstable conditions to the road connecting Oakland and Carnegie Mellon Campus. Due to the complicated and technical nature of the repairs, the PWSA contractors have been working 24/7 to complete an 8-week project in approximately half the time.

After an evaluation of the road by a geotech expert to ensure safety, PWSA designed and relayed new 20-inch and 12-inch water lines and installed a new 20-inch water valve, which will help prevent future breaks of this magnitude. All of the water line work is complete. The contractors are currently in the process of full road reconstruction.

The PWSA contractor will continue working 24/7 on road reconstruction. Forbes Avenue (South Craig Street - Morewood Avenue) will remain closed to all traffic. An updated timeline of when the road can be reopened to traffic will be provided on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

We appreciate the continued patience of the public during reconstruction. Public safety is the top priority for PWSA and the City as we coordinate efforts to open the road as quickly as possible.

The detour route will remain in place with traffic rerouted around the construction site as follows (see attached map):

- Eastbound: Forbes Avenue - South Craig Street – Fifth Avenue – Morewood Avenue
- Westbound: Forbes Avenue – Morewood Avenue – Fifth Avenue – South Craig Street

PWSA does not anticipate any impact to water service.

Any customer who needs additional information should call PWSA Emergency Dispatch 24/7 at 412.255.2423.