

Water Authority Water Line Replacement and Rehabilitation Project – Segment 2

Task 1

Anticipated duration:

Aug. 15-Sept. 23, 2016

Phase 1, which should be completed before the 2016 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, stretches along Central Avenue NW from Clayton St. SW to Rancho Seco Rd. NW and on Lomas Blvd. NW from San Felipe St. NW to Rancho Seco Rd.

Crews will replace old 6-inch water lines on both sides of Central and Lomas.

It is anticipated that construction crews will have to shut down the outside lane on each side of each street, with one lane of traffic open in each direction.

Task 2

Anticipated duration:

Sept. 26.-Nov. 11, 2016

Phase 2, which should be completed after the 2016 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta and before the start of the holiday season, stretches south-bound on Rio Grande Boulevard NW from just north of Central Ave. SW, through the Rio Grande/Central intersection, to Alhambra Ave. SW, then west on Alhambra Ave. SW to San Pasqual Ave. SW, and then north on San Pasqual Ave. SW to Central Avenue SW.



Crews will be installing a new 16" water line that will be replacing a 16" water line that runs from Rio Grande to San Pasqual in Central Ave. The old 16" water line in Central will be grout filled and abandoned in place. As part of this work, an old 6" line

at Alhambra and San Pasqual will be replaced with a new 6" PVC line. Crews will likely shut down one side of each road for construction, with local/thru traffic allowed only.

Background

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is replacing and realigning old water lines that are in conflict with the proposed ART (Albuquerque Rapid Transit) Project. Old water lines are being “abandoned in place” to minimize the impact on area residents and businesses and will be filled in for safety.

The Water Authority plans to replace any medians it has to remove as part of this work. The Water Authority is paying for this construction from its capital budget for replacement of aging infrastructure. Depending on costs, it may have to issue bonds, but this is a normal practice for capital projects and no rate increases associated with ART are planned at this time.

The Water Authority is going through the normal process to have our work and traffic control permitted through the City of Albuquerque for this project. No building permits are required.

FAQs

Q: Why is the Water Authority moving these lines?

A: The Water Authority has a franchise agreement with the City of Albuquerque that requires it to move water lines that are in conflict with the proposed ART (Albuquerque Rapid Transit) Project.

Q: Is the Water Authority going to be relocating lines along the entire route of the ART Project?

A: The Water Authority is only relocating lines that are in conflict with ART as well as nearby lines that could be affected by ART construction. Most of these lines are old (dating back the 1950s and 1960s) and have reached the end of their lifespan. They would need to be replaced in the next several years anyway.

Q: Where does the Water Authority plan to replace the lines?

A: The Water Authority is tentatively planning to replace the lines in four basic segments along Central:

- 1) Coors to Atrisco (underway)
- 2) Rio Grande to Rancho Seco (begins in August)
- 3) I-25 to Monroe - (underway)
- 4) Monroe to Louisiana (to begin January 2017)

Q: Could the Water Authority do the water line relocation at the same time as ART Construction?

A: Typically having two different construction crews in one area can complicate construction, but the Water Authority does not plan to start construction in Nob Hill until ART construction is underway in that area.

Q: Will businesses and residents be out of water?

A: There will be planned outages to connect new water lines to existing transmission lines or water services to new

water lines, but these will be scheduled ahead of time and for the convenience of those affected. (For example, water shutoffs normally occur at night in business areas). Those affected will be notified in advance, and the Water Authority typically does a brief “trial” shutoff before any planned water outages to make sure all those affected are identified.

Q: Has the Water Authority chosen a contractor for all of the work?

A: Each project is bid out as its own package to on-call Water Authority contractors who have the skills and qualifications to complete the work.

Q: Will there be a rate increase to pay for ART-related construction?

A: No rate increases are anticipated. The Water Authority is paying for this work from its capital budget for replacement of aging infrastructure. Depending on costs, it may have to issue bonds, but this is a normal practice for capital projects.

Q: How long does the Water Authority expect these projects to take?

A: That will depend on when construction starts on each project. An anticipated duration, ranging from 60 to 160 days, has been anticipated for each project.

Q: Will the construction crews work extended hours?

A: That will depend on the area under construction and the type of organizations being affected.

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