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Depot Avenue Area Water Transmission Line Project to Start Next Week Excavation to Begin in Blackstock Avenue Area

KUB and its contractor, Garney Construction, are scheduled to begin a project to install 8,500 feet of new 36-inch transmission water main on Monday, December 18, 2018. Construction will begin on Blackstock Avenue and progress north then east toward the project end at East Summit Hill Drive. The entire project is scheduled for completion by May 2019.

In addition to the new 36-inch main, the \$6.4 million project includes replacement of aging 1,400 feet of 8-, 12-, and 16-inch distribution water mains in sections along the same route.

Installation of the new 36-inch main will improve reliability and operational flexibility in delivering water from KUB's Mark B. Whitaker Water Treatment Plant to the west side of the distribution system.

This project will be completed in block-to-block sections. The entire length of the project will not be impacted at the same time; however, two or more locations may be constructed simultaneously.

As excavation begins, Garney Construction will close a short section of Blackstock Avenue between the Western Avenue overpass and Hannah Street from 7 a.m. Monday, December 18, through Thursday, December 21. Alternate routes include Western Avenue, Broadway, and Oak Avenue.

Road, lane, and sidewalk closures will be required during the course of this project to facilitate safe access for equipment and workers. KUB will coordinate all closures and detours with the City of Knoxville. Alternate access will be provided for businesses and parking facilities. KUB and Garney Construction will also coordinate construction schedules to minimize the impact on special events in the area.

Construction methods will include open-cut replacement, as well as trenchless construction methods. Weekday work hours will be limited to generally daylight hours; however, some night and weekend work may be required to meet project milestone dates.

KUB will post regular updates throughout the project on its website at www.kub.org, and on social media. Additionally, KUB has set up a blog at <http://kubmajorprojects.blogspot.com> to keep customers informed about project milestones. Customers can call 558-2331 after normal business hours to leave a message that will be followed-up with a call from a KUB representative by the end of the next business day.

Attachment: Depot Avenue Area Map

KUB, a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties, provides reliable electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 453,000 customers.

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