

Caloosahatchee Connect Construction Begins in Fort Myers



Join the City of Fort Myers for a Preconstruction Public Information Meeting **Tuesday, February 1 beginning at 4:30 p.m.**

January 2022

The City of Fort Myers invites the public to attend a preconstruction public information meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, Family Life Center, 4701 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers, FL. The meeting will be held in an "open house" format (attend anytime) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the purpose, need and benefits of the project and how the contractor plans to build the project along the pipeline route. Information about the new water reclamation facility will also be available. The route of the reclaimed water main will be on display for the public to view. City staff and the project team will be available for the public to speak with one-on-one. All presentation materials will be available for viewing on the project website, www.CaloosahatcheeConnect.com, after the public meeting for those who can't attend.

How Did We Get Here?

In 2018, the City of Cape Coral and the City of Fort Myers entered into an interlocal agreement to construct a pipeline across the Caloosahatchee River to transmit reclaimed water from Fort Myers to Cape Coral. The City will send up to 12 million gallons of water per day to Cape Coral to help maintain freshwater canal levels and provide property owners with water for irrigation and for fire protection services. This will also allow the City of Fort Myers to dispose of surplus reclaimed water in an environmentally friendly way, while reducing the need to discharge into the Caloosahatchee River.

While City contractors are building a new water reclamation facility to treat the reclaimed water being sent to Cape Coral and installing a reclaimed water main to the mutually agreed upon connection point in Fort Myers just south of the Midpoint Bridge on San Marcos, contractors for the City of Cape Coral are installing a new reclaimed water main along Everest Parkway to connect to their Everest Water Reclamation Facility. To view the reclaimed water main routes being constructed by each city, please visit the website at www.CaloosahatcheeConnect.com.

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For more information about the project or to learn more about the microtunneling process, please visit the project website at: www.CaloosahatcheeConnect.com.

To receive email updates about the project, please visit the project website. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the public information consultant for the project at (239) 337-1071 or via email at info@CaloosahatcheeConnect.com



Contractors for the City of Fort Myers will build a water reclamation facility at the South Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAWWTP) on Matthew Drive and then construct a new reclaimed water transmission main. The reclaimed water main is expected to be constructed using a combination of traditional open-cut (trench) pipe installation and microtunneling trenchless technology. The pipeline will span from the SAWWTP on Matthew Drive, along Barkley Circle, then across Summerlin Road to Royal Palm Square Boulevard to Edwards Kontinos Drive to the connection point in the greenspace on San Marcos just south of Midpoint Bridge where it will connect to the City of Cape Coral's portion of the reclaimed water pipe being installed beginning in 2022.

What Residents Need to Know about the Microtunneling Process

- Some of the pipeline will be installed utilizing a trenchless technology known as microtunneling.
- This technology allows pipes to be installed underground with minimal disruption to the surface.
- Microtunneling will be utilized at the following intersections:
 - Summerlin Road and Royal Palm Square Boulevard/Barkley Circle
 - McGregor Boulevard and San Marcos

What to Expect During Construction

Initially, crews will video the area to document existing conditions. Prior to the start of construction, a survey crew will stake the right-of-way (ROW) line along the planned route. Look for wood stakes marked with "R/W" and a flag as these stakes will help you determine if you have personal property items (signs, lighting, irrigation, landscape, or decorative features) located in the ROW. All personal property items in the ROW where pipe will be installed must be removed or relocated by the owner prior to pipe installation. Our team will coordinate with property owners to provide approximately two weeks' notice for relocation or removal of personal property items. Any items remaining in the ROW after the deadline provided will be removed and disposed of by the contractor.

Demolition will include removal of some asphalt roadway, curbs and sidewalks, personal property items, and driveway aprons within the ROW of the planned route. Mailboxes will be temporarily relocated during construction and will be permanently reinstalled during restoration at the end of the project. If you have questions about items in the ROW, please contact the City's public information consultant for the project via phone at (239) 337-1071 or via email at info@CaloosahatcheeConnect.com.

Access to Driveways

Crews will work to minimize inconveniences due to construction. There may be times when entering or exiting your property that you may need to wait briefly for construction activities. Installation of pipe may require lane shifts and/or access delays. You may also need to park your vehicle in an area other than your driveway during some construction activities. Our team will notify you when this is necessary.

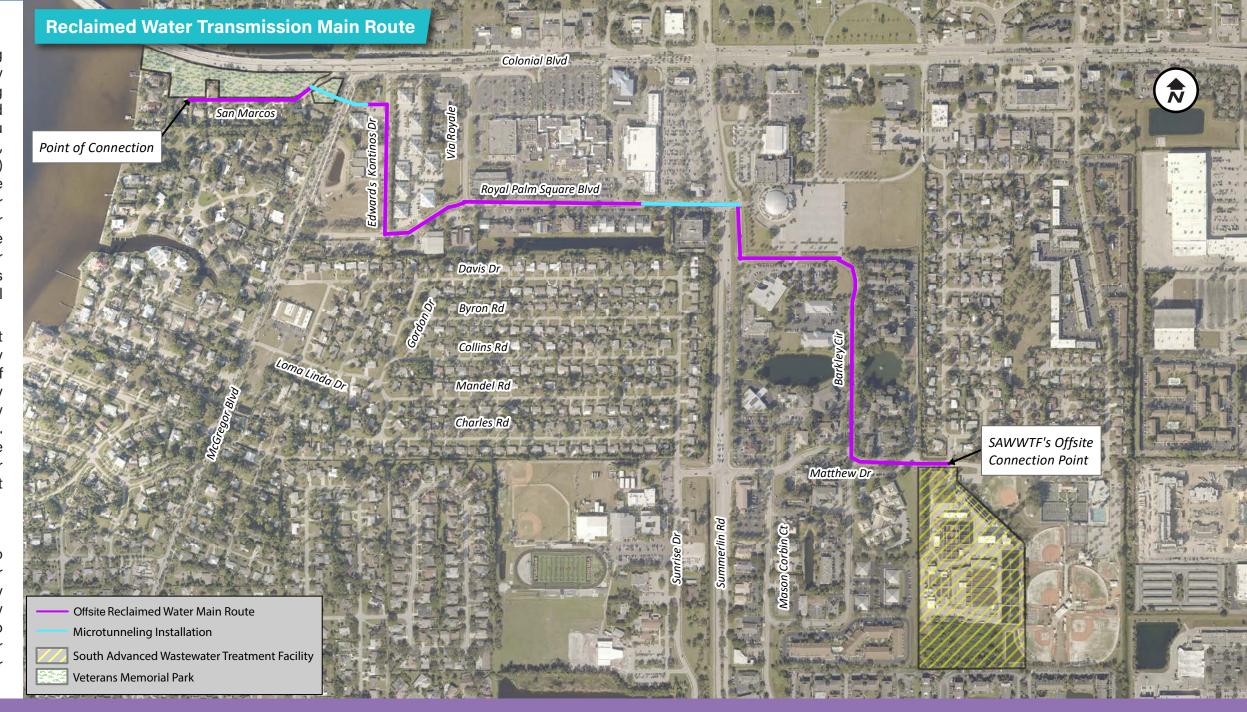
Access for businesses and residences will be maintained, although you may need to alter your usual route during construction. The location of work will shift daily. Due to the size of pipe being installed, businesses and residents may need to use alternate routes or detours to reach their properties while pipe is being installed. Flaggers will be on-site during normal work hours to assist residents. Pedestrians should also expect sidewalk detours. If there is someone in your home or business that requires special transportation services, please contact the City's public information consultant for the project via phone at (239) 337-1071 or via email at info@CaloosahatcheeConnect.com.

Mail and Garbage/Recycle Services

During construction, the team will ensure continuing public services such as mail and business deliveries, garbage/recycle/yard waste and lawn services.

Water Shut Offs/Boil Water Notices

While potable water line work is not included as part of this project, you may experience emergency or otherwise necessary water shut offs. We will notify you in advance of any planned water shut offs. If an emergency water shut off occurs, we will notify you with a precautionary boil water notice as soon as possible.





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> Please email or call with any questions using the information below:



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