MEI Rehabilitation
Oak St & Essex St

Project overview

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, will be rehabilitating their Minneapolis East Interceptor (MEI) system in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The MEI system consists of two parallel pipes connected by six control gates. The gates help control and direct sewer flow through the system. The system is aged and requires rehabilitation to minimize the risk of spills and other environmental impacts.

Oak Street SE and Essex Street SE

The MEI system rehabilitation work at the Oak Street SE and Essex Street SE intersection is anticipated to begin after Memorial Day and be completed before/by Labor Day. Rehabilitation work in this area will include:

- Removing pavement and excavating to reroute an 85-foot segment of pipe.
- Demolition of existing out of service underground vaults and sewer pipes.
- Clean up and restoration of any disturbed areas

What to expect during construction

Temporary closure at the Oak Street SE and Essex Street SE intersection. Local access will be maintained. Drivers should follow the posted detour route (see map).

Temporary closure of the sidewalks and bike lane on Essex Street SE. Pedestrians should follow the posted detour route crossing Oak Street at Delaware Street or Fulton Street and bicyclists should use alternate routes around the construction zone.

Temporary parking impacts along Oak Street SE.

Noise, dust, and odors generated in and around the work area

Detour map

More Information

For more information on the sewer improvements project, questions or concerns, contact us any time:

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