

## Franklin/McVay Sanitary Sewer Extension Overall Project - Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** What is the Franklin/McVay Sanitary Sewer Extension project?

**A.** The Franklin/McVay Sanitary Sewer Extension project will extend sewer service from the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and McVay Highway 4,000 feet to the south. The installation of this line will allow for development and redevelopment in the area to be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner and facilitate the ability for current land owners to connect to the regional sewer system and annex into Springfield when they choose to do so.

**Q.** Why is the City planning to construct a new sewer line down McVay Highway?

**A.** Currently there are no wastewater facilities serving properties along McVay Highway. An alignment study was conducted to determine the best way to provide wastewater services to properties in the southern portion of Glenwood. McVay Highway was chosen as the best alignment. Wastewater facilities are needed within this area in order to allow for the development and redevelopment of properties along McVay Highway.

**Q.** When is construction planned?

**A.** Construction will be phased and implemented during the 2014 (Franklin Blvd. to 19th Ave) and 2015 (19th Ave to Nugget Way) construction seasons. The projected construction will begin late summer 2014 (est. August-September) and again in the summer of 2015 (est. June-August).

**Q.** Who will be affected by the construction of the new sewer line?

**A.** The goal of the project is to help facilitate the development and redevelopment along McVay Highway in an environmentally responsible manner by providing sanitary sewer infrastructure. This will provide opportunities for properties along McVay Highway, and will also present some challenges during construction. We have been in discussions with property owners and businesses along the construction route to minimize impacts as much as possible while completing the project in a financially responsible manner.

**Q.** What are some challenges the project presents?

**A.** One example is that the new sewer line needs to be installed at deep depths in unstable soils below a very busy arterial roadway. This will necessitate the closure of McVay Highway from I-5 to Franklin Boulevard during the construction of the new line. This will cause traffic challenges during construction. As with most infrastructure upgrades, there will be a short term impact for the long term benefit of new sewer services. The City of Springfield will work with property owners, businesses and residents along the way to minimize impacts.

**Q.** What does the project mean for my business or property?

**A.** The project will restrict traffic along McVay Highway to local and business traffic with no through traffic during the construction of the new sewer line. Detours will be set up to redirect through traffic to use I-5, Glenwood Boulevard, and Franklin Boulevard. Local and business access will be maintained during construction using local area streets. After completion of the new sewer line, businesses and residents will have the ability to connect to regional sewer when they chose to do so.

**Q.** Why is the City planning on restricting travel on McVay Highway during construction to local and business access only, with closure to through traffic?

**A.** The depths of the sanitary sewer trunk line will vary from 10 to 18-feet with an average of 15-feet in depth and will pass underneath the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) trestle. Past City experience working in similar soils has shown that trench stability at these depths will result in the potential for the trench to take a large portion of the roadway. The closure of the highway to all but local and business traffic will help alleviate safety concerns with the construction of the new trunk sewer and will allow the selected contractor to finish in a timely manner minimizing the impacts to local residences and business as well as the traveling public.

**Q.** Will properties adjacent be required to connect to sewer when the construction of the new sewer line is completed?

**A.** While residents and businesses may have the opportunity to connect to the regional wastewater system through this new sewer line, they will not be required to do so unless required by the Oregon DEQ or Lane County Sanitarian.

**Q.** What are the costs associated with connecting to sewer if we chose to connect?

**A.** There are a number of factors, including land uses that go into what it would cost a property owner to connect to sewer. Some of costs include fees for Sewer in Lieu of Assessment, Systems Development Charges, and Annexation. In order to better define these costs a property owner would benefit from requesting a development implementation meeting with the City of Springfield Development Group.

**Q.** Who is involved in the project?

**A.** McVay Highway is currently under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), but will be transferred to the City of Springfield prior to the start of construction. The City will work with ODOT, Lane County, and Lane Transit District (LTD) to help communicate detours during construction. Public input has been gathered throughout the planning process and will continue to be throughout the project.