

ACADEMY PLACE WATERLINE RELOCATION



Project Description and FAQs September 2022

What

Medford Water is relocating old waterlines from the alleys of the Academy Place neighborhood (Academy Place, Euclid Avenue, Reddy Avenue, and Queen Anne Avenue) in coordination with a City of Medford sewer mains replacement project. These waterlines were originally installed between 1911 and 1926.

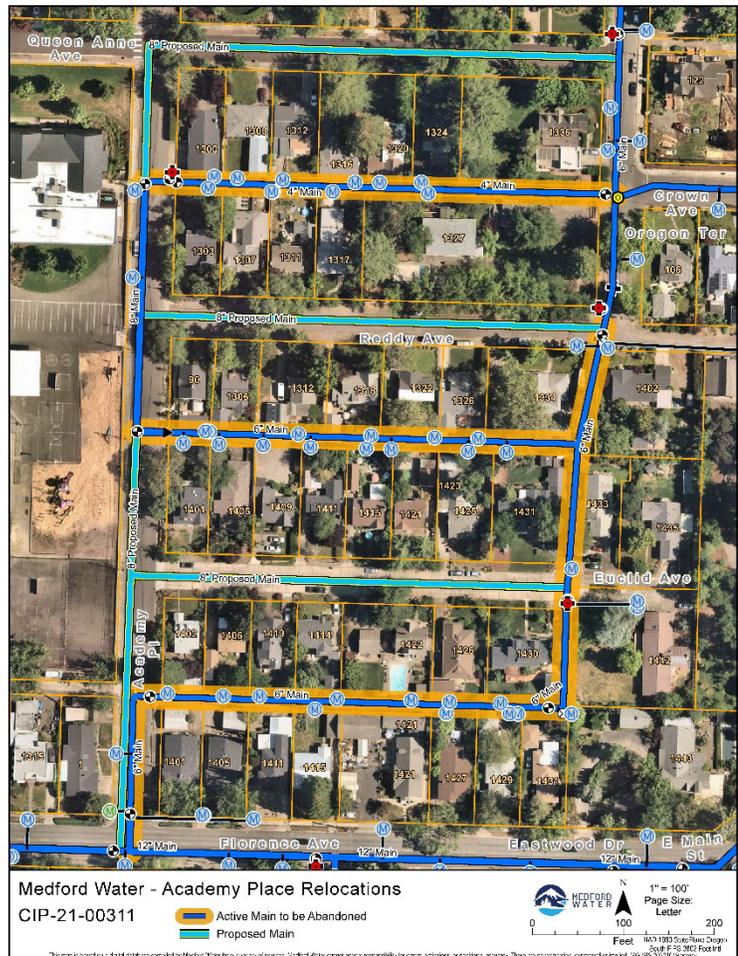
Why

The City of Medford's project will replace sewer mains in the alleys of the Academy Place neighborhood, requiring relocation of the waterlines that are currently in use there. The waterlines must be moved prior to the sewer project, as they are in the way of the City's sewer line construction, and cannot simply be replaced in the same alley location as there is not enough room to maintain the required separation distance between sewer and water lines (per current Oregon Health Authority standards). Therefore, the waterlines need to be relocated into the public streets.

These waterlines were originally installed between 1911 and 1926, and relocating them from the alleys to the streets has the added benefit of replacing these aging lines and helping to preserve water service for residents in the future.

Where

Existing water mains in the alleys located between the following streets will be abandoned and no longer functional: E. Main Street/Euclid Avenue, Reddy Avenue/Euclid Avenue and Queen Anne Avenue/Reddy Avenue. New water mains will be installed in the right-of-way of Academy Place, Euclid Avenue, Reddy Avenue, and Queen Anne Avenue.



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When

Medford Water began the design of these improvements in September of 2022, starting with a professional survey of the roads and utilities. A Professional Engineer will complete

the design of the improvements. Medford Water's goal is to have the design complete in early 2023 and potentially begin construction in mid-2023.

Project Benefits

Current water mains and service lines feeding your water meter were installed between 1911 and 1926. The new waterlines will be installed to current Oregon Health Authority regulations and Medford Water standards, helping to preserve water service for residents in the future, and increasing water circulation throughout the neighborhood. Additional fire hydrants may also be added.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does this mean for me?

Every property has different needs to accommodate this project, and Medford Water or our consultants will be in contact to review the details with affected property owners as the project progresses. For most properties, it is required that Medford Water relocate the water meter from behind your property to the front of your property, or from the alley to the public right-of-way. This will cause some water service disruptions, and necessitate work by our contractor on your property to relocate your water line to the new meter location.

We will design the project to minimize disruptions and will work extensively to accommodate your needs regarding the location of your new water line on your property, looking at each property carefully to determine the waterline routing that is the least disruptive to landscaping and tree roots, and the best connection point to the existing plumbing systems. A licensed plumber is required to perform the work between the water meter and your home; this work will be completed to Medford building code standards, and permitted/inspected by the City of Medford.

What work will be done soon?

Medford Water's consultant, Epic Land Solutions, Inc., will contact property owners to go over property access agreements that will allow Medford Water and our plumbers. This will begin a discussion on how best to complete the required work on your property. You will see project staff working in the neighborhood as they complete the survey work, locate, and mark underground utilities, and complete some small exploratory excavations. Our goal is to accomplish this preliminary work by the end of 2022.

What if I do not allow Medford Water access to my property?

To accommodate the City's project, Medford Water must move the waterlines into the public streets and relocate your water meter in most circumstances. After the project is complete, water service will no longer be provided from the existing alley locations, due to the required separation distance between sewer and waterlines per current Oregon Health Authority standards. If a customer does not allow Medford Water to complete the required work on their property, water service will no longer be available to that property. We understand this project can be a disruptive process for many and will work hard to minimize any disruptions for you.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact our partners at Epic Land Solutions, Inc. for additional information or to schedule an appointment with Medford Water staff to review impacts on your property. You may also subscribe to updates for this project at medfordwater.org/AcademyPlace. Our Customer Service Team can be reached at (541) 774-2430 to report any problems.