

SUMMIT PRESSURE ZONE SOUTH PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1
COMMUNITY MEETING Q&A OCTOBER 6, 2021

Q: Generally speaking, for how long (how many days) will any one block experience work-period road closure that would restrict access to residential driveways?

A: It is estimated that crews can install 80 feet of pipe per day which is approximately 2 weeks per block. This timeline is only an estimate and actual duration by block may vary depending on the complexity of the work being performed in any section. Note that construction work will return to your neighborhood near the end of the project for final paving.

Q: Will access to the top of Dwight way be cut off? Can there be some access to other parking areas if this is the case?

A: There is only a lane reduction and not a lane closure for the valve installation, so parking and traffic in and out to the upper portion of Dwight way should not be impacted. Note: Much of the area parking is subject to Berkeley Permit D.

Q: What are the earthquake safety parameters for this very large pipeline?

A: This project was designed for a large seismic event as these pipes are considered critical to our water supply system.

Q: Will there be any other staging areas than those listed used for this project? The community objects to any use of Smyth & Fernwald staging area next to Smyth house.

A: The selection of staging locations is at contractor's discretion. This is a means and methods question for the contractor. At this time, no other staging areas have been presented, however, EBMUD will share the selected staging location with the community once selected. Note that the Smyth & Fernwald site is owned by the University.

Q: 1. It looks like Dwight to the east of Prospect St. will not be having new pipeline installed, correct? Is that because the line was replaced during the big project 2 or 3 years ago?

A: The EBMUD Dwight/Warring/Derby pipeline replacement project that was completed several years ago, replaced the distribution pipes in this location. The Summit Pressure Zone Phase 1 project is a transmission pipeline replacement project. The portion of existing transmission pipe in Dwight east of Prospect will not be replaced as part of this project, as that pipe segment does not have high risk of failure.

As presented at the community meeting, the existing transmission pipe located along the fault through Clark Kerr Campus will be replaced outside of the fault zone in a new alignment west of Clark Kerr Campus, except for the portion of pipe that will continue to serve Clark Kerr Campus. The portion of pipe that serves Clark Kerr Campus which has had numerous leaks will be replaced with new and more resilient pipe material.

Q: Will EBMUD be resurfacing that stretch of Dwight [east of Prospect St] when this project is complete? The road in that part of Dwight is very bad and was supposed to be resurfaced after the last EBMUD project.

A: EBMUD's 24-inch pipeline installation begins to the west of Prospect St on Dwight Way so the only planned project paving on Dwight Way east of Prospect St is at the valve installation location at Fernwald Rd. Please contact the City of Berkeley for questions about paving on Dwight Way east of Prospect St.