

Church Street Natural Gas Infrastructure Replacement Project



The Church Street Natural Gas Infrastructure Replacement Project is a comprehensive replacement plan to upgrade the gas pipelines in Somerset Borough.

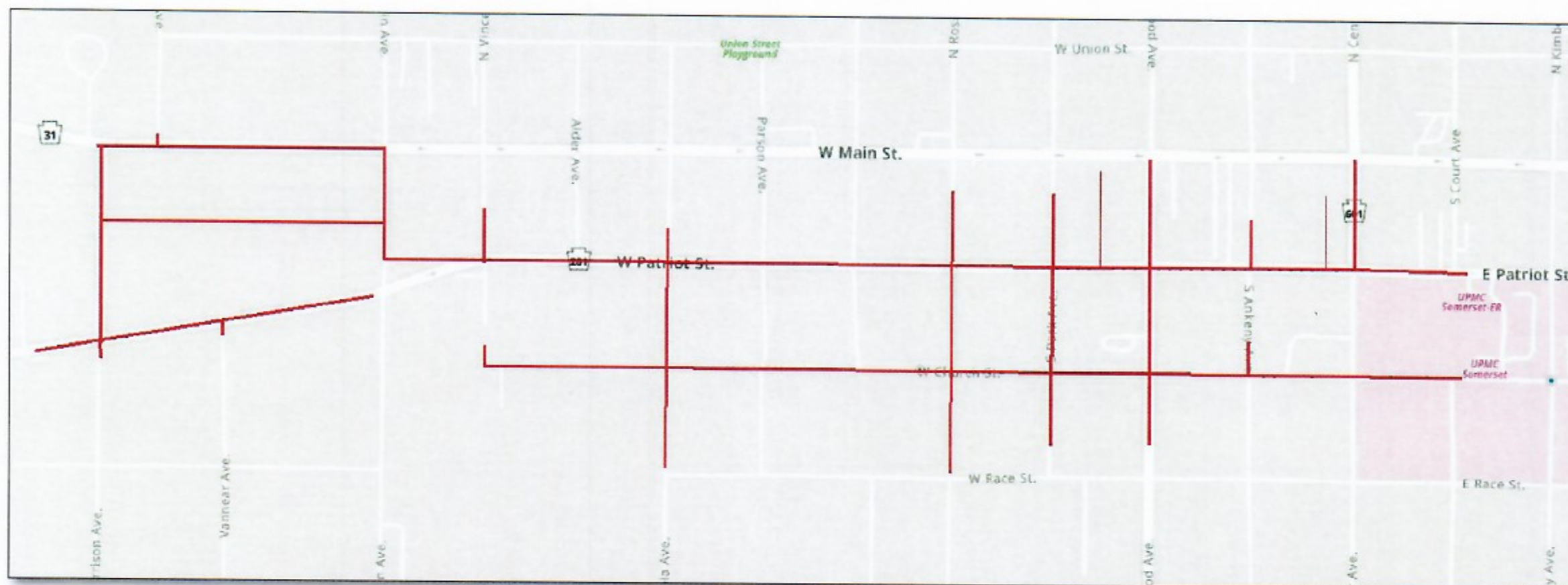
Project plans consists of:

- Approximately 14,650 linear feet of mainline and service pipe will be replaced
- Approximately 256 customers will have service lines upgraded
- Approximately 31 customers will have meters relocated from inside their home to the outside
- Pipeline replacement work will take place on the following streets:
Church Street, Harrison Avenue, Louther Street, Tayman Avenue, Patriot Street, Main Street, North Center Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Columbia Avenue, Parson Alley, Rosina Avenue, Park Avenue, and Church Alley
- Hours of operation will be Monday – Friday, 7AM – 5PM. Holidays excluded, with the possibility of Saturday work if adverse weather impacts project
 - Lane closures and detours will be in effect only during work hours
- Project is tentatively proposed to begin in February 2023 and is estimated to take approximately nine months to complete
 - *Project duration may be impacted by weather and/or unforeseen construction impediments in existing ground conditions*
- Customer properties will be restored to pre-project conditions following the completion of main and service line work. Road, sidewalk and other right-of-way restoration will be completed using reasonable local municipal standards or PennDOT's standards of restoration.

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Project Map



At Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, we see our pipeline replacement program as an investment in the communities we serve. Required to enhance the safe and reliable system we currently operate, the upgrades Columbia Gas is doing now are part of our ongoing commitment to reliably deliver natural gas, safely and efficiently, for generations to come.



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Columbia Gas to Begin Sewer Line Inspections in Somerset Borough, PA

Canonsburg, Pa. – Natural gas customers in Somerset Borough, Somerset County, are benefiting from a Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania pipeline replacement project that will ensure the delivery of safe, reliable, and efficient natural gas to them for years to come. Information on Columbia Gas' Pipeline Replacement projects can be found at www.columbiagaspa.com/services/work-in-your-neighborhood/pipeline-replacement-projects.

Columbia Gas is replacing more than 14,650LF of underground pipe impacting customers on Church St., Harrison Ave., Louthier St., Tayman Ave., Patriot St., Main St., North Center Ave., Franklin Ave., Columbia Ave., Parson Alley, Rosina Ave., Park Ave., and Church Alley.

Providing our customers with safe, reliable, and efficient natural gas service is our mission at Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania. Columbia Gas has a remarkable safety record, which is the direct result of an extensive safety program. As part of that commitment, the sewer lines in your neighborhood will be inspected by a contractor for Columbia Gas. In most cases, it will not be necessary for you to be home when these inspections are performed.

However, there may be some instances when a sewer lateral cannot be inspected from outside the home. If access to your home is needed to complete the inspection, you will be contacted so we can schedule an appointment.

All company and contract employees carry photo ID badges identifying them as Columbia Gas employees or contractors. Customers are encouraged to ask for ID before allowing anyone into their home, or they can call **1-888-460-4332** for Columbia Gas employee verification.

Information on Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania's commitment to safety, including the importance of calling 811 before you dig, home and appliance safety, and steps to take if you smell natural gas can be found at www.columbiagaspa.com/safety.

About Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania delivers clean, affordable and efficient natural gas to approximately 442,000 customers. With headquarters in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, it is one of NiSource's six regulated utility companies. NiSource (NYSE: NI) is one of the largest fully-regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 3.2 million natural gas customers and 500,000 electric customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania and NiSource is available at www.ColumbiaGasPA.com and www.nisource.com.

**Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Sewer Line Safety Program FAQs**

1. What is the sewer line safety program?

As Columbia continues with its enhanced focus on pipeline safety, the Company identified the need for a sewer line safety program to isolate and correct cross-bore situations. Columbia and its contractor will partner with local municipalities to inspect the sewer lines (main and storm) and take any necessary action.

2. What is a cross-bore?

Many utilities use trenchless technology to install underground lines. Trenchless technology basically consists of construction methodologies such as directional boring, moling, horizontal auger boring and other methods for the installation of pipelines and cables below the ground with minimal excavation. This proven construction practice provides an alternative to open trenching and helps reduce road closures, minimizes restoration costs, and allows for safe and efficient utility construction in established neighborhoods or urban areas.

Prior to any construction, utilities and contractors are required to call 811 and request the marking of utility lines in the area. Sewer lines are sometimes not marked or not marked correctly, leaving the potential for natural gas lines to be bored through the sewer lines ("cross-bore"). A cross-bore can go undetected for months or even years. Eventually, if a sewer backup develops, a plumber is called to remove the blockage.

Plumbers often use a mechanical rotary device to remove a blockage from a clogged sewer line. This practice can damage the utility line and create an unsafe situation allowing natural gas to migrate into homes and buildings.

3. What is the sewer camera inspection process?

A robot with a camera mounted on top will be inserted into the sewer line and will drive up the sewer to visually confirm that there is no intersection between the gas line and the sewer line. The camera can be directed down lateral sewer lines to verify the same safety standards.

This non-invasive video inspection process will not cause any interruption to service and, except in limited instances, will not require any access to home or property. It is physically impossible for the camera to go under a house or into a house.

4. Will traffic be affected?

Columbia and its contractor will make every effort to minimize the impact for residents. Traffic cones and flaggers will be on site where necessary to direct traffic around work areas. Driveways will not be blocked by the inspection equipment.

5. How long will the inspection take?

The length of a project will vary based on the length of the sewer lines and the number of laterals.

6. When will the inspection take place?

Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

7. Will Columbia and its contractors have identification?

All Columbia personnel and contractors will have photo identification badges that identify them as Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania employees or contractors on site for Columbia. You are welcome to ask to see this identification.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania is committed to providing safe, reliable, and efficient natural gas service to more than 442,000 customers in Pennsylvania.

Columbia is dedicated to its customers and communities and is investing to ensure continued public safety and reliable service.

Columbia is being proactive in improving its system with a new sewer line safety program – and it's the right thing to do.