



**Wayne Schwartz**  
*City Engineer*

April 19, 2017

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

RE: Benton Street Reconstruction – Mamie Eisenhower Ave to 8<sup>th</sup> Street

The city is continuing with plans to have Benton Street from Mamie Eisenhower Ave to 8<sup>th</sup> Street reconstructed this year. This letter is to give you an update with an expected schedule.

Closure of the roadway is expected to be May 8. Minor utility work may occur before this date with intermittent lane closures, but the road should remain open until then. The entire section of Benton St from Mamie Eisenhower Ave. to 8<sup>th</sup> St. will be closed and there will not be vehicle access to the front of your property. The closure is expected to last for approximately 16 weeks. Miscellaneous work, including sidewalks, seeding and minor utility work may continue until the end of October or next spring. Keep in mind that schedules are constantly changing and are greatly impacted by weather, equipment disruptions and scheduling conflicts.

During roadway closure, your garbage service pickup location may be impacted. If you currently place your garbage on Benton St for pickup, please contact your provider to arrange for a new pickup location. There should be no disruption in mail delivery during construction.

Water service will be disrupted while improvements are performed. We will do our best to minimize the down time and keep it to daytime hours. If water service is disrupted, it is recommended you do not use water during the shut off period. Water use may drain appliances, including water heaters, and could cause damage. If you have a lead water service, attached is a copy of the letter you will receive after replacement that explains how to restore your water service after it has been replaced.

Driveways disturbed by construction will be replaced with concrete and are generally going back to the existing width.

Alliant Energy may be performing some improvements during the road closure which may disrupt electric and gas service.

The improvements require the use of heavy construction machinery and will likely create noisy, dusty, and muddy conditions at various times and locations. The project will be disruptive, but is necessary and will result in a significant improvement to the area. Patience and communication will be very important to insure a successful project. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact any of the following:

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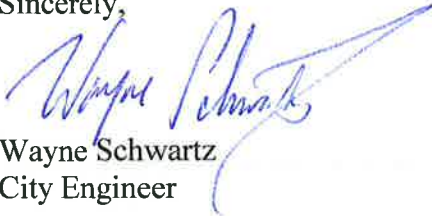
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You can also sign up to receive pertinent City government information, including road closures and water disruptions, via text messaging. Text BOONEIA to 888777 to sign up for the messaging service. See boonegov.com for more information.

Another Public Information Meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 2 at City Hall between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The meeting will be conducted using an open forum format with no formal presentation. Please attend to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the project.

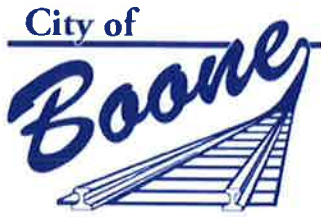
Thank you for your cooperation and patience while these improvements are made.

Sincerely,



Wayne Schwartz  
City Engineer

cc: Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC



Date:

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

The City of Boone had a portion of the water service line to your home replaced with copper pipe. Because the original pipe was made of lead, some lead may have been released into the water during construction. Please take the following steps to minimize your exposure to any lead that may have been released.

Flush all your faucets using these steps:

1. Remove faucet aerators from all cold water taps in the home.
2. Beginning in the lowest level of the home, fully open the cold water taps throughout the home.
3. Let the water run for at least 30 minutes at the last tap you opened (top floor).
4. Turn off each tap starting with the taps in the highest level of the home. Be sure to run water in bathtubs and showers as well as faucets.
5. Do not consume tap water, open hot water faucets, or use icemaker or filtered water dispenser until after flushing is complete.

You may also wish to use a home filter for water to be used for drinking and cooking, particularly if you are pregnant or have children under age six.

It is possible for lead levels to remain elevated for weeks after construction. During this time, we recommend to flush your property's water system before consuming water. This is particularly important in the mornings; when returning from work or vacations; or whenever water has not been used for some time. The longer water sits prior to use, the more lead it may have in it. It is a good idea to shower, do laundry or flush a toilet a few times to flush the system. Then run water from the tap you are going to use for 2-3 minutes when drawing water for drinking or cooking.

It is also recommended to not use hot water for drinking or cooking as hot water can dissolve lead more quickly than cold water.

More information about lead and its effects can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/lead>

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