

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

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City Manager

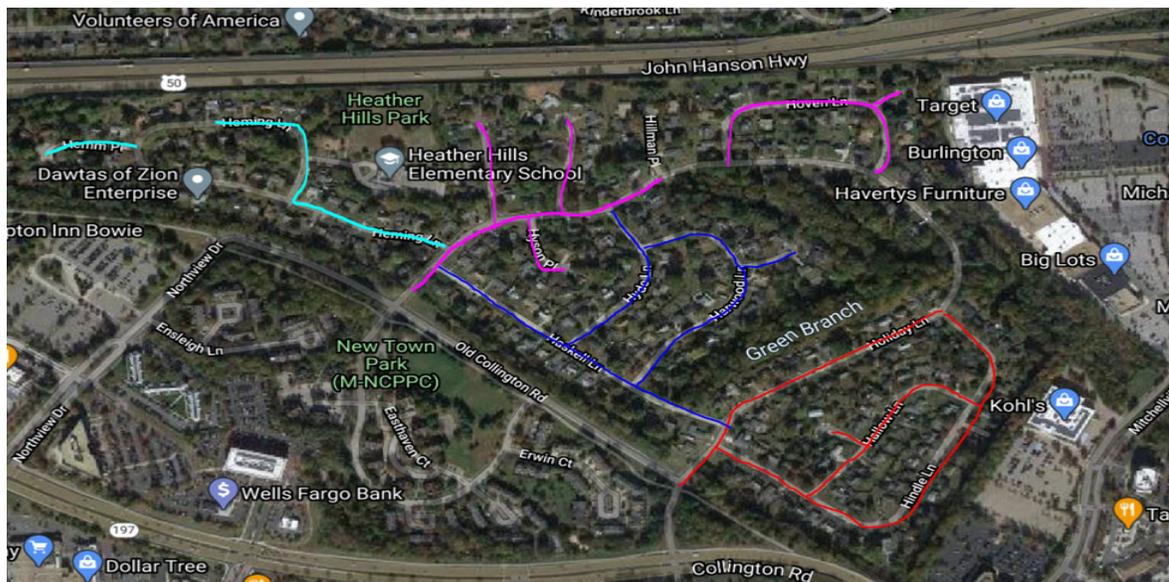
SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: February 11, 2021

Status Report

1. Utility Work – Heather Hills Section

The City of Bowie has contracted with J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. to replace and line 2.6 miles of water mains located in the Heather Hills neighborhood. Construction is scheduled to start at the beginning of March 2021. Due to extent of work, construction will span over two major phases: March - November 2021 (Phase I), and March – November 2022 (Phase II). Phase II in 2022 will be used only if needed based on work progress. The figure below provides the planned construction phasing.



- March – May 2021
- May – July 2021
- July – September 2021
- September – November 2021

Schedule may vary depending on construction progress.

During this construction, temporary water mains will be installed to provide continued water service. Temporary water lines typically will be installed along the water main to be replaced and on the curb side of the street. To minimize disruption to the driveway, pipe ramp will be installed on the driveway where the temporary water lines cross the driveway. Work will be performed Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. While the work will require equipment in the street, no road closures will be required. Short disruptions to water service may be required periodically. When required, the contractor will make timely notification to affected residents. Upon completion, disturbed areas will be restored. In addition, City staff will make advance notification to affected service entities (fire/emergency, police, schools, post office). The City staff will also ensure appropriate public announcement is made through City services, including the City's web page and Bowie News Flash.

The City will host a public workshop (webinar) on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6pm to inform the public about this project. The webinar link is provided below. All public attendees will have to register (name and valid email address) to join the webinar.

PUBLIC LINK: <http://bowie.fyi/heatherhillswatermain>

2. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Bowie EDC held their regular meeting Wednesday morning and heard a presentation by Dr. Aminta Breaux, President of Bowie State University. The University is successfully dealing with the impacts of the COVID crisis on higher education. Fall 2020 enrollment was 6,250 students including 950 incoming freshmen. Construction on the new entrepreneurship center building and dormitory is progressing with a ribbon cutting anticipated in August 2021. The new building will add 551 new dormitory 'beds' to the over 1,400 existing 'beds' to increase on-campus student residency to close to 30%. The new building will also house a 'grab and go' meals facility and the new home of the Bowie Business Innovation Center and the University's own Entrepreneurship Center and programs. Dr. Breaux noted the campus is the #1 safest college campus in Maryland. She also noted the University's use of solar panels generates more than 15% of the power used on campus.