



Debra A. McCarty, Water Commissioner

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UPDATE FOR CUSTOMERS: Sansom and S. Juniper Streets, Water Main Break

Dear Customer:

I'm writing to provide a brief update on the progress at Sansom and S. Juniper Streets. As you know, it has been an active site, with multiple utilities working around the clock to secure their infrastructure prior to turning this location over to PWD so that we can perform an assessment and determine the scope of work necessary to repair the water main and sewer. PWD will be prioritizing this job as an Emergency Bid for a private contractor to repair our water main and sewer and then restore the street once the other utilities have restored their infrastructure.

Upon completion of the work by PWD, the utilities that relocated their infrastructure to facilitate our repair work will replace their services. Once all infrastructure work is completed, the road can be repaved and reopened to traffic.

Another top priority is working to make sure that all businesses can open safely, and assisting in any way we can. PWD will be meeting with the Commerce Department and the Office of Emergency Management to secure any possible funding that may be available as a result of this water main break. A Business Assistance Grant that is funded by PWD can be used towards advertisements, signage, additional street clean-up and some other small items to make sure that people know that businesses are open during construction. Commerce will be working with the Center City District on an application for this funding. In addition, Commerce and OEM are also looking at Small Business Administration loans for businesses impacted by this, and will be reaching out to owners and managers to work with everyone involved.

I am currently investigating delivery options, and am working to find an alternate location for delivery activities, as access to Sansom Street will be restricted until the intersection is permanently restored. I will share this information with everyone once it is decided. We may have to ask for deliveries to be made within a certain window of time each day in order to restrict parking during delivery hours. However, we will do our best to make sure all necessary accommodations are made for your deliveries to occur without too much difficulty.

I will not be in Philadelphia next week July 9-12, however, I will have access to my email and my cell phone. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to address your concerns, or point you to the proper person.

All updates that are hand delivered will also be available on our website within 24 hours. You can find them at www.phila.gov/water/notifications.

Sincerely,

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