

Private Sewer Lateral Repair Pavement Restoration Pilot Program

Background

Private property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the private sewer lateral serving their property. The private sewer lateral extends from the building to the public main which is typically located in the middle of the street.

Sewer warranty coverage is available from private companies at a relatively low cost. Coverage limits are usually capped at \$10,500, which typically will cover the cost of repair. However, repair costs in excess of this cap can occur when excavation is required in an arterial street or a street with a pavement condition rating greater than six (6). The higher cost for such excavations is due to the City's patching criteria which is intended to preserve pavement life. This program is intended to mitigate the impact of this requirement on these property owners.

Program

For private sewer lateral repairs requiring excavation in an arterial street or a street with a pavement condition rating greater than six (6) and where the cost of such repair exceeds the greater of either the property owner's private sewer warranty coverage or \$10,500 (the "coverage cap"), the City, at the property owner's request, shall include the required pavement patching in an annual Public Works Resurfacing contract. The property owner will be responsible for the costs of the sewer lateral repair up to the coverage cap and for paying the costs that exceed the coverage cap, other than pavement restoration costs. The City will pay for the pavement restoration costs in excess of the coverage cap.

Property owners who declined having the portion of their private sanitary lateral located in the public right-of-way replaced at the time of street reconstruction shall not be eligible for this program for 25 years following reconstruction of the laterals in the street. Assuming a total cost to repair of \$15,000, with \$2,000 attributable to pavement repair, the following are examples of how this program will work:

Warranty Coverage	Coverage Cap	Owner Share	City Share
None	\$10,500	\$13,000	\$2,000
\$7,500	\$10,500	\$5,500	\$2,000
\$10,500	\$10,500	\$2,500	\$2,000
\$14,000	\$14,000	\$0	\$1,000

Eligibility:

Eligible properties for this program is limited to single and two family homes.