



TO: All Dolores Businesses
From: Ken Charles, Interim Dolores Town Manager
DT: August 28, 2020
RE: Highway 145 Water Line Replacement Project

The Town is improving water service reliability by replacing 50-year old cast iron pipes in our distribution system. These pipes are subject to breaking resulting in water outages and significant costs. The Colorado Department of Transportation plans to improve Highway 145 through town in 2021 with an asphalt overlay. The Town needs to install the new water line crossing prior to CDOT's improvements and CDOT is allowing the Town to trench the new water line crossing rather than bore underneath the highway resulting in significant cost savings.

The project will involve replacing 10 waterline crossings of Highway 145 using an open trench construction method and installation of new 8-inch and 10-inch diameter pipe. The ten highway crossings are located between 1st Street to 9th Street and at 16th Street.

The construction will begin on September 8 and continue for approximately 90 days. The highway and side streets will remain open throughout the project. However, traffic changes will occur during construction. One half of the highway will be closed for about 1 day with 2-way traffic shifted to the open half of the highway for each crossing, with the exception of work at 1st and 16th streets. Traffic may be restricted to 1-way travel and controlled by flaggers for approximately 1 day for each of those 2 crossings due to the narrow pavement width.

Access to all businesses will be provided at all times.

Water service will not be interrupted until the end of the project. At that time, the contractor anticipates a two-hour water interruption period.

Our Construction contractor is D/L construction from Cortez. They will be in contact with businesses during the project on a daily basis. We will keep you informed as the project proceeds by each street crossing.

Contact the following if you have any questions:

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The construction will begin in mid to late August and will be completed in November. The highway and side streets will remain open throughout the project.