



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COUNCILMEMBER TODD GLORIA  
THIRD DISTRICT

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Dear Neighbor,

I want to provide you with an update on the sewer and water upgrade project that is currently happening in your community.

I am excited to see over \$11 million of investment in neighborhood infrastructure come to Kensington, but I also understand that street and sidewalk conditions have been less than desirable during construction. Please take a look at the attached information and know that I have asked City staff to take appropriate actions to improve your road conditions as soon as possible.

In the coming weeks, Kensington Drive, Sussex Drive and Westminster Terrace, among others, will be seeing significant street repairs. Streets will not be completely repaved, but as construction is completed, grading, mill work, patching and smoothing will greatly enhance the current conditions. Similar work will also occur throughout the neighborhood as construction wraps up. In fact, Hastings Road and Bristol Road have recently been repaired and can be seen as examples of what your street should look like following construction.

If you would like to share your thoughts with me on this or any other matter, please feel free to contact me at [toddgloria@sandiego.gov](mailto:toddgloria@sandiego.gov) or (619) 236-6633. As always, I appreciate and value your input and the opportunity to advocate for you at City Hall.

Sincerely,



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Councilmember, Third District





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## Kensington sewer and waterline construction project Frequently Asked Questions

What is the major construction work that is currently happening in Kensington?

The current construction work is part of a City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects water and sewer line replacement job (Group Job 3011). This project consists of installing new water and sewer lines, and adding new federally-required ADA curb ramps.

When will this project be finished?

Various phases of this project will be completed through the summer and fall, but the project is expected to be fully completed by December 2010.

Will the streets be repaved after this project?

No. The City of San Diego does not repave streets if those streets are expected to be re-trenched within three years. A large portion of the Kensington community is scheduled to begin the utilities undergrounding project in 2012. This utilities undergrounding project will also require street trenching and is expected to be completed between 2014 and 2015.

Will anything be done to improve the street conditions between now and when the utility undergrounding project is completed?

Yes. As current work is completed on affected streets, work will be done to patch, fill and smooth damaged areas of the streets. In addition, trenches that are created for this project will be paved over as work is completed. This will not be a complete repaving, but will significantly improve street surface conditions to ensure that the streets in Kensington are not in horrible conditions for years. In addition, the City of San Diego's Street Division will continue to respond to pothole and street condition complaints. You can notify the City of potholes via the Street Division's online service request at <http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/>, or by calling the Street Division Service Request Line at (619) 527-7500.

How will broken or damaged driveways and sidewalks be addressed?

Project crews will be replacing and repairing the portions of sidewalks and driveways that were removed as part of the pipe installation. This work is expected to be done concurrently with the installation of new ADA curb ramps and will be done in a manner that returns driveways and sidewalks to like conditions as they were prior to construction, but does not improve conditions.

What will happen if I have decorative brickwork that is damaged by this project?

Any brick pavers that have been placed in the City Right of Way by the home owners will be replaced to their pre-existing condition prior to the completion of the project.



Why is the new water/sewer access being put on my yard?

Access cleanouts for the new sewer laterals are being installed per the City of San Diego Standard Detail Drawings which require the installation of the cleanout on the public Right of Way side of the property line, which in the case of this project is immediately behind the sidewalk. In many cases, the City Right of Way extends past the sidewalk line into the area that many residents identify as their yard. Some additional excavations are performed into front yard property due to the extremely poor condition of the existing sewer line laterals. It is important that these lateral connections are made at areas of pipeline that are not already failing so that further repairs do not need to be made in the future.

No waterline installation is being done in front yards. Construction crews are replacing the existing water meter boxes behind the curb when new water service is installed; this area is in City's Right of Way.

Why are contractors also installing new curb ramps on the corner or in front of my home?

Part of the work for this project includes updating curb ramps and sidewalk access to comply with federal ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations. Although project engineers and contractors are working to limit any negative effects on individual properties owners, federal regulations mandate specific guidelines.

Will new sidewalks in Kensington receive special coloring?

Yes. Special coloring and etching are not a requirement for the City when replacing damaged sidewalks. However, efforts are being made to add additional coloring elements when possible to newly installed sidewalks to help match them to other sidewalks in the neighborhood.

What time are construction crews allowed to work in the neighborhood?

Barring the need to address any emergency issues, crews are scheduled to work from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

How can I get more information on the utility undergrounding project?

The exact plans and schedule of utilities undergrounding in Kensington have yet to be finalized, but general information, schedules and contact information can be found at <http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/>.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions, concerns or comments about this project?

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