

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS)

News Advisory

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MAWSS Holds Information Session on Pipe in the Park

Shortly after Labor Day, Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) will begin a major sewer lining project that will utilize trenchless technology in Langan Municipal Park. The project will require an above ground bypass piping system that will be visible through a large portion of the park. The bypass pipe will divert the flow of wastewater while the work takes place underground. **MAWSS and contractors will be available to review and answer questions about the project on Wednesday, September 9, from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at MAWSS Park Forest Plaza, 4725 Moffett Road.**

Large diameter concrete pipe was state of the art when it was installed in the 70s to transport wastewater from west Mobile to MAWSS' treatment plants. After more than 45 years of service, the inside of the pipe is showing signs of deterioration. To prevent failure of the pipe, a cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) will be installed to reinforce and extend the useful life of the critical infrastructure.

CIPP is a trenchless rehabilitation method used to repair existing pipelines. A resin saturated felt tube will be inserted into a manhole and pulled into the damaged pipe. The tube is inverted with hot water to form a tight-fitting, seamless pipe-within-a pipe. Once the resin hardens, the structural integrity of the pipe is restored.

The more visible part of the project will be the 18-inch bypass pipe which will be laid above ground along a route that has been approved by the City of Mobile. It will start west of the Copeland-Cox Tennis Center, run along the lower parking lot, across Gaillard Drive past the newer courts, then east along the lakefront. It will cross under Zeigler Boulevard and run along the south side of the lake past the Mobile Museum of Art. Ramps will be installed in the pipe system where it intersects roads so cars and bikes can cross over. Motorists and park visitors should use caution to avoid hitting or damaging the pipe. The bypass will be monitored onsite 24 hours a day to insure it is operating properly. The project is expected to be completed around Thanksgiving.

More information on the project is available at www.mawss.com.

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