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NWC COMMENCES MAJOR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ALONG SPANISH TOWN ROAD IN KSA AREA

The National Water Commission wishes to advise that work has now commenced on the Spanish Town Road Potable Water Transmission Mains project slated to extend from Six Miles to the Intersection of the Blake Road and North Street in Downtown Kingston. The Commission is noting that the project which is valued at approximately US \$25 Million and will bring significant benefit to the residents situated in communities near Six Miles, along Spanish Town Road and into Central and Downtown Kingston.

At the August 12, 2020 signing ceremony it was highlighted that the 15-month Contract (ending in February 2022), will undertake the replacement of aged transmission mains which have become susceptible to breaks and have negatively affected water supply reliability to surrounding communities.

This Contract, being undertaken by M&M Jamaica Ltd will include the laying of:

- Six (6) kilometres of 900 mm (35 inch) pipeline
- Four (4) kilometres of 600mm (24 inch)
- Four (4) kilometres of 150 & 200 mm (6 & 8 inch) pipeline

The pipeline infrastructure has been carefully assessed to ensure longevity for several decades once adequately maintained. Additionally, the pipes have been sufficiently sized to facilitate increases in future demand from population growth. Given the extensive nature of the work, the project will be segmented into several blocks, to allow for progressive transition of the new pipes into operation and to minimise traffic delays and overall public inconvenience. At present, the initial work involves exploratory excavations near the Six Miles area of St Andrew.

Additionally, the NWC is noting that there are a number of scheduled works, for which temporary shutdowns of the water supply will be necessary. However, in each case, adequate notice will be provided to customers and every effort will be made to minimise the outage times for these works and any other unplanned disruptions that may occur.

During the construction phase the works and activity of heavy equipment will directly impact the extreme left lane- outbound lane along Spanish Town Road. The approved traffic plans have sought to ensure that a minimum of one lane will be accessible to outbound traffic along the thoroughfare. Additional consideration has been given for:

- Excavated areas will be backfilled and compacted as quickly as possible in order to facilitate the reopening of the closed lanes.
- Local Traffic will be facilitated to ensure access to premises and business establishments.
- Traffic signs shall be placed no less than 80m from construction zone.
- Traffic Personnel will be utilized to monitor and implement the new traffic diversions.
- Emergency contact personnel will be available at all times during the construction phase.

The NWC will provide regular updates on progress of work and any water supply or traffic changes that may affect its customers. Please bear with us as we work to serve you better.

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