

CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION UPDATE

Washington Gas Project: Valve Replacement
on River Road (MD 190) between Brookdale Rd and Western Ave NW
Bethesda, MD 20816 and Washington, DC 20016
Project reference number: S15V15-2022-REP

- As of May 17, 2023 -

Dear Neighbor,

At Washington Gas, safety is our highest priority as we continue reliably meeting the energy needs of our customers. Today, natural gas is the fuel of choice for more than nine out of ten new homebuyers in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and Washington Gas serves more than 1.2 million customers throughout the region. As the region continues to grow, rehabilitation of our existing infrastructure is critical to maintaining a safe and reliable natural gas system.

Washington Gas will soon be performing work in your area. This project will enhance safety and reliability along with upgrading the infrastructure to allow for improved routine integrity inspection using in-line robotic techniques. This important project is just one of many infrastructure improvements being made across the region. **This construction notification update is a follow-up to the November 2, 2022 notification.**

Project Overview

Washington Gas will replace and upgrade an existing valve located on southbound lanes of River Road (MD 190), between Brookdale Rd and Western Ave NW in Bethesda, MD 20816 and Washington, DC 20016. The scope of this project is within public right-of-way requiring permits by Maryland State Highway Association and District Department of Transportation. This work will not affect the natural gas service to homes or businesses.

Schedule Update

In coordination with permitting agencies, construction is now planned to start on or near the week of June 5, 2023 and is estimated to be complete within 6-8 weeks. Expected work hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday or as approved by permitting authorities. Construction schedules may be affected by weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

How Might This Affect My Commute?

Expect travel delays in this area and consider alternatives during construction.

Traffic controls on Western Ave will be in place daily between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday:

- the right lane of westbound Western Ave will be closed daily

Traffic controls on River Rd will remain in place for the duration of construction:

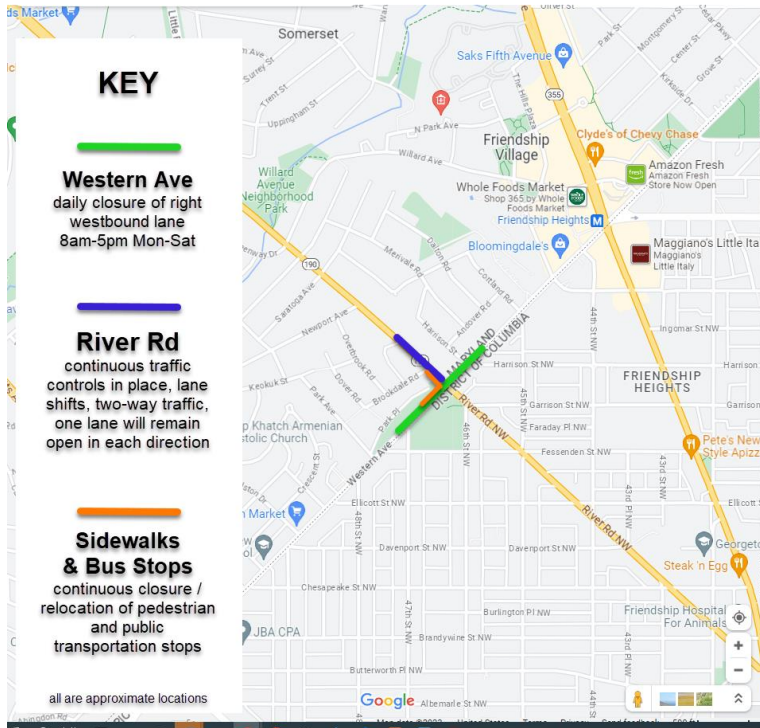
- two-way traffic and access to bus stops will be maintained on River Rd
- a single southbound and northbound lane to remain open with lane shifts
- left turns from southbound River Rd to eastbound Western Ave will be restricted
- left turns from northbound River Rd to Brookdale Rd will be restricted

The following pedestrian and public transportation stops will be affected (closed or relocated) for the duration of construction:

- the sidewalk along the southside of River Rd, north of Western Ave
- the sidewalk along the northside of Western Ave, west of River Rd
- the bus stop located on the northside of Western Ave, just west of River Rd

Follow traffic control signage, barricades, and possible flagger direction for traffic information such as lane shifts and detours. Traffic controls are in accordance with plans approved by Maryland State Highway Association and District Department of Transportation or as authorized by inspectors.

A map of the approximate location of construction with basic traffic information:



Stay Alert
Follow traffic control signage and possible flagger direction



Restricted
Left turns from southbound River Rd to eastbound Western Ave

Thank you for your patience

What Can I Expect During Construction?

You may feel and hear construction activity and you can expect to see Washington Gas and contractor vehicles and equipment and a well illuminated work area. For your safety and the safety of construction personnel, do not cross construction barriers, enter construction areas, or approach vehicles or equipment. Be cautious of slow-moving construction vehicles entering and exiting work areas. Montgomery County has permitted temporary usage of the end of Park Place, past the graveled turnaround, for construction personnel vehicle parking.

Restoration Plans

Restoration crews will make temporary restorations immediately following completion of the construction. Permanent restorations will be made in compliance with applicable local regulations and typically will occur within 45 days after all work is completed, weather permitting. Washington Gas will work to restore the area close to the as-found condition or to a condition specified by permitting authorities.

We strive to make every reasonable effort to minimize disturbance in your community. If you have questions or need additional information about this project, please contact:

THE PROJECT TEAM:

703-750-5222 or community@washgas.com with project reference number: S15V15-2022-REP

Thank you for your patience as our construction crews perform this important work in your community.

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Have a question unrelated to this project? Contact Customer Service and Billing: 844-WASHGAS.
To report a potential natural gas leak, reach our emergency leak line at 844-WASHGAS 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Washington Gas responds around the clock to investigate all reported gas leaks. For more information about natural gas safety, visit www.washingtongas.com/safety