



Community Lead Response Advisory Committee
December 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

On Conference Call:

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Introductions

- Shawn Williams – representing Women for a Healthy Environment
- Gerry Wright – representing Cornwell Engineering Group
- Anna Coleman – new permanent member representing Pittsburgh United

2020 SDWM:

- All water main and service line replacement is done.
- Punchlist items being completed.
- Total of about 15 miles of new water main.



- 99% of agreements returned or private side non-lead
- 27 locations were unresponsive – some locations received partials before termination protocol went into place.
- 606 public lead found – 28% of the locations which is less than planned. The positive that there is not as much lead as anticipated, however, we are not replacing as many as we intended.
- 565 private lead service lines replaced (24% of locations).
- 33 partial replacements (completed before termination protocol was enacted)
- Condemned service lines: 5
- 1 termination of service

2021 SDWMR:

- BRT contract (Fifth and Forbes) – work nearly done with water main (80%) and service line work. Will need to complete some restoration in the spring.
 - Only 6 outstanding agreements
 - Verified majority of service lines
 - Seeing half as much lead as other contracts (14% public, 11% private)
 - 4 terminations
- 2021 SDWMR – needed to be re-bid, PENNVEST closing scheduled for March 2022.
- BRT + 2021 SDWMR totals about 10 miles of new water main and 1,200 service lines (public replaced and private verified with lead being replaced).

2022 SDWMR

- Wrapping up design now

Opt-Out Status

- Doe BRT and 2021 SDWMR, 15 opted out, 10 responded that they already replaced their private side.
- 5 did not list reason – when we approach construction, we will do more outreach
- PWSA opt-out
 - Done for safety or sanitary concerns
 - 3 locations in SDWMR – 2 in BRT area, where we had previously abandoned the private lead line in 2020, and one additional vacant in the 2020B area where attempted to work with owner that had building permits, but did not provide safe access.



Outreach

- SDWMR outreach consists of:
 - Virtual public meetings
 - Robocalls
 - Lead Help Direct phone calls
 - Door-to-Door Canvassing
 - Directed outreach for locations verified private lead

Project updates found under Projects & Maintenance section of website.

Gina Miller: What are the terms of the PENNVEST contract that caused us to re-bid? If they are always going to be required for us, should we make them our standardized terms?

- **Depending on the program, requirements can change.**
- **This contract had DBE requirement – must have solicited DBE prime contractors, not just sub-contractors.**
- **Trying to keep the work moving we put the contract out to bid before we understood the funding requirements, we tried to work with DEP (who oversees the DBE compliance), but ultimately had to re-bid.**
- **We are going to ensure all possible language is in our contracts moving forward, i.e. DBE and Davis-Bacon, telecommunications acts.**
- **Do we wait for funding source to be approved, then put contract out to bid? This will slow contracting process down, but may be safest option.**

Gina Miller: If you are trying to proactively add language, are you having to “predict” what needs to be included? How will that impact costs?

- **If more funding becomes available through Infrastructure Bill, it is difficult to predict what Congress will include.**
- **If we know the funding source, we can more easily predict requirements.**

Overall LSLR Status

- Mostly all construction activity is complete for 2021.
 - Over 600 public LSLR
 - 500 private LSLR
 - Verified that 791 public and 858 private service lines were not lead
- Since 2016



- 8809 public LSLR
 - 5794 private LSLR
 - Verified that 7,160 public and 8,099 private service lines were not lead
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Termination Updates

- 6 terminations since April 2021 – all vacant buildings.
 - 1 emergency operations replacement.
 - 3 part of BRT project – 2 had been public replacements in Fall 2020, one additional vacant.
 - 1 vacant property in BRT where customer was responsive, said they did not want us to reconnect.
 - 1 part of SDWMR had safety concerns, owner was responsive but didn't prepare safe environment for crews in timely manner.
 - 269 37-Day letters sent
 - 86 30-day postings
 - 41 10-day letters
 - 6 3-day postings
 - 6 terminations
 - 260 locations with outstanding agreement throughout year.
 - 9 locations still need verification on their respective contracts.
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Orthophosphate Update:

- In process of 2021B compliance sampling.
 - More than 100 samples received so far (100 is the minimum required per the LCR).
 - Unlikely that we will receive any more outstanding kits.
 - 3 rounds of outreach attempts.
 - Cannot share results as calculation is not official.
 - Sent Ortho Optimization report to DEP in October. Determined we should raise ortho levels to where we started or higher. Are submitting engineering design report to make modification.
 - Continued monitoring to ensure proper application of ortho.
 - Home visits and profile sampling continues on as-needed basis.
 - We believe home visits will be part of revised LCR
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Reimbursement Program Update:

- Operating since October 1, 2020
 - Tenant or owner income can qualify a property for the program.
 - 376 of 476 applicants are <300% of FPL.
 - 41 locations have completed the process.
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General Updates:

- PUC settlement table will be included in meeting files.
 - Web map is updated at end of each month.
 - Customer sampling program continues.
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2022 Construction Programs

- 2021 SDWMR – discussed in previous slides.
- 2022 Priority LSLR – PENNVEST approved \$4.7M funding package.
 - Will target day-care facilities and locations with elevated lead test results.
 - Thanks to WHE for providing day care facility data. Currently canvassing locations for final day care list.
 - Budget estimate shows we will have funding to work at 200 locations.
 - Hope to begin work in March 2022
- 2022 Neighborhood LSLR – City grant of \$17M from American Recovery Plan funds.
 - Approximately 1,400 locations
 - Out to bid, contract award in January, construction beginning in March
 - Program would replace private-only lead line if found.
 - Currently finalizing selected neighborhoods.
 - Avoiding including areas where we will complete water main replacement in coming years.
 - Mailing agreement packets by end of January.
- 2022 Urgent LSLR – new contract for emergency locations.
 - If Operations group finds a leaking service line attached to lead, this contractor will replace private side lead.
 - This contract is also helpful to complete public side service line work when Operations is busy in the winter.
- 2022 SDWMR
 - 8 miles of water main slated for replacement.



- Design should be complete in early 2022. Hope to meet PENNVEST February application deadline. Program is contingent on PENNVEST funding.

LSLR and Infrastructure Bill

- Will include \$15B for lead lines.
 - Funding will be administered through SRF
 - In the past, PENNVEST was able to fund water main projects with one funding source, and the lead line replacement with another source – all under one contract. That would be ideal format for this funding.
 - 49% grant/51% loan
 - Still determining distribution by state – no information as to when funds will be available.
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Housekeeping

- Confirm next date
- Suggest next meeting in March 2022
- Next meeting discussions:
 - Water main relay construction updates
 - 2022 LSLR programs
 - Other program updates
 - Reimbursement program updates
 - **Federal funding updates – upon request of Gina Miller**
 - **Dan does provide this type of update in the PUC Settlement Table. Dan can incorporate into slides.**
 - Other topics?