

## Crews to Lay New Water Line on North Side of Central Between Carlisle and Wellesley

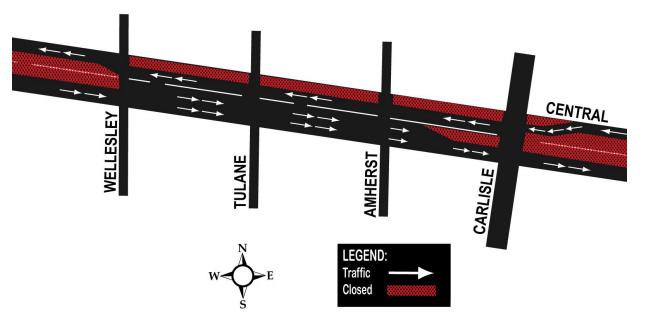
Work is being done now so that the Water Authority will not have to tear up new sidewalk NOTE: All construction is weather permitting and subject to change without notice.

The Water Authority will lay a new water line on the north side of Central, starting at Carlisle and heading west to Wellesley, beginning **Monday**, **Jan. 30** and lasting through about **Monday**, **Feb. 20**, **2017**. The work is being done now so that the Water Authority will not have to tear up new sidewalk that is being installed as part of the ART (Albuquerque Rapid Transit) Project. **During this work**, **westbound traffic on Central will be reduced to one lane between Carlisle and Wellesley, with the lane nearest to the sidewalk closed and <u>NO</u> on-street parking. NM Underground is the contractor, and regular work hours will be <b>Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.**, although the contractor may work on Saturdays or longer hours if needed. Additional work is planned to start soon on the north side of Central between Girard and Dartmouth.

ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO ALL BUSINESSES. Businesses will be notified in advance of any planned water shutoffs. A shoe-fly system is being put in place to ensure businesses have water throughout construction. The contractor will coordinate the shoe-fly (and a brief water shutoff of about 15 minutes) with each affected business.

## **About the Project**

Old water lines are being "abandoned in place" when possible to minimize the impact on area residents and businesses. Any abandoned lines will be filled in for safety. The Water Authority is paying for this construction from its capital budget for replacement of aging infrastructure. Depending on costs, it may have to issue bonds, but this is a normal practice for capital



projects and no rate increases associated with ART are planned at this time. The Water Authority is going through the normal process to have our work and traffic control permitted with the City of Albuquerque. No building permits are required. For more information about ART: call 398-4ART (398-4278) or visit www.brtabq.com.

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