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## **SUEZ ANNOUNCES \$3 MILLION WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN DOWNTOWN TOMS RIVER**

### **Improvements will Enhance Water Quality and Service**

SUEZ construction crews will begin work on a water infrastructure improvement project on several streets within the downtown area of the Township of Toms River. The project will replace 70-year old water main placed into service in the 1950s and has reached the end of its useful life.

The upgrade is scheduled to begin on Lafayette Avenue on or about Tuesday morning, November 17, 2020, and will support the critical need for service reliability, especially since the community must have access to clean and safe water during the Covid-19 crisis.

Overall, SUEZ will be investing more than \$3 million to replenish approximately 2-½ miles of water main with 6-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch ductile iron pipe. Ductile Iron Pipe has distinct, irrefutable advantages over other types of water pipe. Its conservative design and ease of installation make it decidedly better and it has better vibration damping properties rendering ductile iron mechanical components noticeably quieter.

SUEZ will be installing the new pipe in the following neighborhoods:

- Clinton Avenue
- Fairacres Drive
- Franklin Avenue
- Grand Avenue
- Hadley Avenue
- Lafayette Avenue
- Lexington Avenue
- Madison Avenue

“We continue to make ongoing, significant, proactive investments in aging infrastructure to ensure service reliability, water quality and fire protection for our customers who depend on us every day,” said Jim Mastrokalos, Director of Operations. “Customers affected by this project can rest assured the company’s project inspectors will communicate, in advance, about specific dates and times for any temporary water interruptions, lane shifts or traffic detours,” he added.

Crews are scheduled to work from 7 AM to 5 PM daily during the workweek except for Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 2020. The company expects to complete the project, in its entirety, including milling and paving, by March, 2021 and final roadway restoration is projected to take place by June, 2021.

Mastrokalos also requests that if residents see SUEZ crews working in the streets, they are asked to stand at least 10 feet away from the work site to protect everyone’s health and safety.

Information about the project will be available on the company's customer website at [www.mysuezwater.com](http://www.mysuezwater.com) and on SUEZ' social media channels - Facebook and Twitter, SUEZ Water South Jersey and @SUEZWaterSJ, respectively.

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