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Union Sanitary District Continues Repairs to Damaged Sewer Line

Union Sanitary District's repair of the damaged sewer on Alvarado Boulevard in Union City is entering the final and most difficult phase. The 33-inch sewer pipe is about 20 feet deep and located in an area of unstable soils and high groundwater. The remaining work consists of the excavation of a large, deep pit at the intersection of Alvarado Boulevard and New Haven Street. It is currently anticipated the excavation area will be 60 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 20 feet deep to accommodate the necessary repairs to the sewer line and manhole. These repairs should not have an impact on the sewer services of the surrounding area.

Due to the large size and location of the repair pit and the staging area needed by the contractor to perform the work, the westbound lanes on Alvarado Boulevard between Fair Ranch Road and Fredi Street will be closed from December 28, 2015 through April 15, 2016, weather permitting. The Contractor will be working from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. At least one eastbound lane on Alvarado Boulevard will be open at all times.

District staff are coordinating closely with the City of Union City, New Haven Unified School District, Union City Police Department, and the Alameda County

Fire Department to minimize inconvenience to the public and ensure appropriate access is maintained at all times for emergency services. In addition, Union Sanitary District is coordinating with the New Haven School District and the Union City Police Department to arrange for traffic control at the entrance of Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School (formerly Alvarado Middle School) at Fredi Street and Horner Street during this period.

The cause of the sinkhole is still unknown at this time. Determining an exact cause may be difficult, as multiple factors could have contributed to the sinkhole. The affected area includes infrastructure for several utilities, as well as extensive groundwater and sandy soils. Ensuring the stability of the area and completing a permanent, effective repair has been and will remain the focus for USD crews.

“This is going to be a project that will require patience on the part of everyone involved,” said USD General Manager Paul Eldredge. “There is a great deal of work to be done, and we are determined to do it as safely and quickly as possible.”

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Union Sanitary District operates a 33 million gallon per day wastewater treatment facility in Union City and provides collection, treatment and disposal services to a total population of over 344,000 in Fremont, Newark and Union City, CA. The District maintains over 800 miles of underground pipeline in its service area. For more information about Union Sanitary District, please visit www.unionsanitary.ca.gov.