

42-inch Inkster Road Transmission Main Loop Project Frequently Asked Questions

Who is responsible for this project?

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is responsible for this capital improvement project. GLWA retained engineering consultants OHM Advisors and WSP to design the project. The process to select a construction firm to perform the project work is currently underway.

What are the main objectives of this project?

The main objectives of this project include:

- Installing a new 42-inch diameter water transmission main along Inkster Road from Pennsylvania Road to Wick Road. This new 42-inch water main will connect GLWA's existing 48-inch diameter main at the intersection of Wick Road and Inkster Road to the existing 30-inch water main at the intersection of Inkster Road and Pennsylvania Road.
- Lowering the risk of future water service interruptions by creating a redundancy loop in the regional water system.
- Coordinating closely with the City of Romulus, the City of Taylor, and Wayne County Department of Public Services as the project progresses to communicate project information to surrounding residents and businesses.

Where will construction take place?

Construction of the new GLWA water transmission main will take place along Inkster Road from Pennsylvania Road to Wick Road. See the project area map for reference. A more detailed phasing map will be shared closer to the start of construction.

When will construction begin and end for this project?

Construction of the project is slated to begin in the spring of 2026 and end in 2028. Project phases and a detailed schedule will be shared out closer to the start of construction.

How will impacted residents and local businesses be notified of upcoming construction?

Mailers, doorhangers, email communications, and social media posts will be used to notify residents and businesses of upcoming construction and any activities that directly impact them, such as limited driveway access.

To sign up for email updates, visit the project webpage at: www.glwater.org/downriverwatermain/

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What impacts or improvements will we see in our water service?

GLWA is coordinating with all impacted communities to maintain uninterrupted water services during construction. Once complete, the new water main will create a loop in the regional water system to lower the risk of future water service interruptions.

What is planned to maintain traffic flow and access to local businesses and homes during construction?

Local traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Intermittent road closures will be necessary. Driveway access may be temporarily limited for up to 8 hours. Impacted residents and businesses will be notified at least 24 hours in advance. Coordination with the contractor to accommodate specific access needs will be addressed closer to the start of construction.

What improvements will occur to Inkster Road?

At the completion of the project, GLWA will replace/restore any impacted or disturbed portion of Inkster Road.

Will GLWA coordinate with other communities to ensure that other infrastructure projects are completed at the same time?

GLWA continues to coordinate with its member partner communities, Wayne County, utility providers, regulatory agencies, local businesses, and residents to coordinate planned infrastructure projects to occur during this project's timeline to minimize disruptions to residents and the public right-of-way. Stakeholders will be notified in advance of construction.

Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns about work being done?

Please email glwadownriverwatermain@glwater.org or call 313-926-8151 with questions or concerns. Visit the project webpage to learn more and sign up for email updates: www.glwater.org/downriverwatermain/.