



Knoxville Utilities Board



## News Release

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### **KUB Contractor Mobilizing for Wastewater Pipeline Installation Across the Tennessee River Near Downtown**

KUB and its subcontractors will begin staging and mobilizing equipment and materials next week on the south bank of the Tennessee River, just east of the Gay Street Bridge, in preparation for installation of a new 24-inch wastewater force main along the river bottom.

Construction on the river crossing portion of the project is expected to start in late April and last approximately two-and-a-half months. Installation will start at the water's edge on the north bank and progress to the south bank. All work in the Volunteer Landing parking lot will be performed in January 2022.

Mobilization for this work includes inserting several large barges in the river via an existing dock structure on Marathon Petroleum Corporation property on the south side of the river. The barges will be used as work platforms during the pipeline installation. Boats, large excavating equipment, and materials will also be delivered to the site next week.

This work is part of an overall project to upgrade the wastewater system in the South Knoxville area. It also includes upgrading and relocating the wastewater pump station near Jones Street. The original pump station has been in operation since 1953, and it is nearing the end of its service life.

Alignment of the new 24-inch wastewater force main was selected based on geotechnical conditions at the Tennessee River. The permit issued for this river crossing calls for installation to follow this specified route.

Marine traffic will not be affected by the river crossing portion of this project.

The expanded capacity provided by the new 24-inch wastewater force main, and construction of the larger and more efficient pump station will allow KUB to support community growth in South Knoxville and along the riverfront.

See attached map.

# Wastewater Force Main Installation Tennessee River Crossing

Mid-April – Mid-Summer 2021





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