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CenterPoint Energy to replace natural gas lines on 17th Ave. S.

Dear Property Owner,

At CenterPoint Energy, we are committed to providing relevant information to our customers and the general public to minimize inconvenience or disruption due to our construction activities.

What will CenterPoint Energy do?

From April 12 to late summer 2021, CenterPoint Energy's authorized contractors will work in Minneapolis along 17th Ave. S. from 38th St. E. to Lake St. E. While Michels Corporation will replace two natural gas mains, connect the natural gas service lines to the first main, and move any inside residential meters outside, Q3 Contracting will restore the areas affected by Michels Corporation's work at no cost to the customer.

What will the traffic impacts be?

- The crews will begin at 38th St. E., working north. To replace the first main under the east sidewalk, the crews will close two blocks at a time to through traffic. Parking will be restricted on both sides of 17th Ave. S. within any closures. The west sidewalk will remain open during this time. The crews will be on site to help residents with access.
- As the first main is being replaced, the crews will put temporary restoration on any excavated areas and reopen the closures. Later in the project's timeline, these blocks will be reclosed to accommodate the service line work and the second main replacement.
- In the areas of active construction, most of the cross streets heading east or west will remain open. Any intersections or blocks that will be closed will have detour routes directing drivers to Bloomington Ave. or Cedar Ave. These closures are necessary to keep the crews and public safe.

What is CenterPoint Energy's COVID-19 policy?

According to the Governor of Minnesota's order, gas main replacement is an essential work function. This allows for the modernization of related gas facilities. The gas main work requires excavations in various locations in the right-of-way (front yard) to facilitate the installation work.

As social distancing practices and proper use of PPE, face masks and gloves have become normalized and as customers are willing to allow properly protected personnel into their homes to complete required work to modernize gas facilities, which is essential work, CenterPoint Energy authorized contractors will enter customer homes to complete work only with customer permission.

The purpose of this letter is to advise that with customer permission, crews will now enter homes to complete necessary gas meter work.

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If you choose not to allow crews to enter your home, gas service will not be interrupted, and we will reschedule for a time better suited to concerns you may have. Crews will continue to replace service lines. Crews may have to dig in the ground on your property in the utility easement and next to your home to complete the task of service line replacement.

How can I contact CenterPoint Energy? For more information or to sign up for updates, please visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction](https://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction), click on “Project Sites” and “Minneapolis.” Look for future communications via mailings or a door tag left by the CenterPoint Energy inspector. We appreciate your patience as we continue to upgrade our natural gas system, ensuring system reliability for years.

