

Large Diameter Water Pipe & Large Valve Rehabilitation Program

A. Identification and Coding Information			PDF Date	October 1, 2022	Pressure Zones	
Agency Number	Project Number	Update Code	Date Revised		Drainage Basins	
W - 000161.01	113803	Change			Planning Areas	Bi-County

B. Expenditure Schedule (000's)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY'22	Estimate FY'23	Total 6 Years	Year 1 FY'24	Year 2 FY'25	Year 3 FY'26	Year 4 FY'27	Year 5 FY'28	Year 6 FY'29	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design & Supervision	63,403		6,921	56,482	7,673	8,291	8,812	9,549	10,310	11,847	
Land											
Construction	651,577		39,953	611,624	64,441	77,693	84,211	111,115	137,798	136,366	
Other	71,497		4,689	66,808	7,212	8,598	9,302	12,063	14,811	14,822	
Total	786,477		51,563	734,914	79,326	94,582	102,325	132,727	162,919	163,035	

C. Funding Schedule (000's)

WSSC Bonds	786,477		51,563	734,914	79,326	94,582	102,325	132,727	162,919	163,035	
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D. Description & Justification

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this program is to plan, inspect, design, and rehabilitate or replace large diameter water transmission mains and large system valves that have reached the end of their useful life. Condition assessment and/or corrosion monitoring is performed on metallic pipelines, including ductile iron, cast iron, and steel, to identify lengths of pipe requiring replacement or rehabilitation and cathodic protection. The PCCP Inspection and Condition Assessment and Monitoring Program identifies individual pipe segments that require repair or replacement to assure the continued safe and reliable operation of the pipeline. The program also identifies extended lengths of pipe that require the replacement of an increased number of pipe segments in varying stages of deterioration that are most cost effectively accomplished by the replacement or rehabilitation of long segments of the pipeline or the entire pipeline. Rehabilitation or replacement of these mains provides value to the customer by minimizing the risk of failure and ensuring a safe and reliable water supply. The program includes installation of Acoustic Fiber Optic Monitoring equipment in order to accomplish these goals in PCCP mains.

*EXPENDITURES FOR LARGE DIAMETER WATER PIPE REHABILITATION ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.

BENEFIT

Infrastructure Reinvestment: This project replaces existing infrastructure that has exceeded its useful life; System Reliability: This project will improve service reliability through fewer and shorter service interruptions; Environmental Sustainability: This project supports WSSC Water's commitment to protect the natural environment of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties

JUSTIFICATION

WSSC Water has approximately 1,031 miles of large diameter water main ranging from 16-inches to 96-inches in diameter. This includes 335 miles of cast iron, 326 miles of ductile iron, 35 miles of steel, and 335 miles of PCCP. Internal inspection and condition assessment is performed on PCCP pipelines 36-inches and larger in diameter. Of the 335 miles of PCCP, 140 miles are 36-inch diameter and larger. The inspection program includes internal visual and sounding, sonic/ultrasonic testing, and electromagnetic testing to establish the condition of each pipe section and determine if maintenance repairs, rehabilitation, or replacement are needed.

The planning and design phase evaluates the alignment, hydraulic capacity, and project coordination, among other factors, in an effort to re-engineer these pipelines to meet today's design standards. The design effort includes the preparation of bid ready contract documents including all needed rights-of-way acquisitions and regulatory permits. The constructed system is inspected and an as-built plan is produced to serve as the renewed asset record.

In July 2013, WSSC Water's Acoustic Fiber Optic monitoring system identified breaking wires in a 54-inch diameter PCCP water transmission main in the Forestville area of Prince George's County. Upon attempting to close nearby valves to isolate the failing pipe for repair, WSSC Water crews encountered an inoperable valve with a broken gear, requiring the crew to drop back to the next available valve. This dropping-back to another valve would block one of the major water mains serving Prince George's County, significantly enlarging the shutdown area and reduce our capacity to supply water to over 100,000 residents. In order to minimize the risk associated with inoperable large valves and possible water outages, the large valve inspection and repair program was initiated to systematically inspect, exercise, repair, or replace any of the nearly 1,500 large diameter valves and vaults located throughout the system.

Utility Wide Master Plan (December 2007); 30 Year Infrastructure Plan (2007); FY'24 Water Network Asset Management Plan (May 2022).

COST CHANGE

E. Annual Operating Budget Impact (000's)		FY of Impact
Staff & Other		
Maintenance		
Debt Service	\$51,161	
Total Cost	\$51,161	
Impact on Water and Sewer Rate	\$0.11	

F. Approval and Expenditure Data (000's)

Date First in Program	FY'11
Date First Approved	FY'11
Initial Cost Estimate	
Cost Estimate Last FY	576,383
Present Cost Estimate	786,477
Approved Request Last FY	45,675
Total Expense & Encumbrances	
Approval Request Year 1	79,326

G. Status Information

Land Status	Not Applicable
Project Phase	On-Going
Percent Complete	0 %
Estimated Completion Date	On-Going

Growth	
System Improvement	100%
Environmental Regulation	
Population Served	
Capacity	

H. Map

