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The District is upgrading Old Market gas and water mains before the city's street improvements next year. Some gas work has been completed. Remaining gas work will resume the week of July 13 and continue until mid-August or later.

Numerous buildings are served by the original 1887 cast iron, low-pressure gas mains while the rest are served by newer, high-pressure gas mains. High-pressure mains will be extended (with small-diameter plastic gas pipe) to serve remaining low-pressure services. All work is done by small street excavations.

All remaining low-pressure gas services will be replaced. New high pressure metering equipment will be installed outside, where possible. Where outside installation is not possible, meter equipment will be vented outside.

District contractors will begin upgrading the original 1895 water mains in mid-August by cleaning the inside of the mains and installing structural liners to increase strength and capacity of the pipe. This rehabilitation is many times faster than replacement, with only a fraction of the disruption.

Temporary, 6-inch plastic pipe will be installed in the curbs to provide water during rehabilitation. Hoses will connect the temporary bypass piping to small services by outside faucets. Rigid piping will connect the temporary pipe to large services with additional street excavations. The temporary pipe will not impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

All work is scheduled for a late October completion. Impacts to businesses, residents and the public will be minimized as much as possible. Temporary gas and water service interruptions will be coordinated with customers, at times acceptable to both parties.