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84-inch Water Main Modifications Will Affect Traffic on W. San Marcos Blvd.

Tucson Water will be performing modifications on a segment of 84-inch diameter pipe that is a major water transmission pipeline. The work will close the eastbound lane of W. San Marcos Blvd. Eastbound traffic on San Marcos will be rerouted to San Jacinto Dr. to San Juan Tr. to Mission Rd. from Monday, May 9, through Sunday, May 22.

The segment of pipe is along a transmission main that delivers water from a reservoir near Starr Pass into eastern parts of the City. In late April, a weakened segment of pipe was detected through a fiber optic monitoring system that was installed in 2005. The water delivered in the pipe is renewable Colorado River water that has been extracted from the Clearwater Facilities located in the Avra Valley. To ensure continued water service to customers while modifications are being made, groundwater wells in Central Tucson have been turned on to meet demands.

Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are reminded to use additional caution to help ensure worker safety and be prepared for delays in the area.



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