



CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE

2024 Street and Utility Project

March 18, 2024 Open House Meeting Summary

March 22, 2024

Meeting information

This memo summarizes the activities facilitated at the March 18 Open House, as well as comments received for the 2024 Street and Utility Project. The Open House was an opportunity for community members to learn about the project, construction timeline, ask questions to City representatives and consultants, and provide their input. Community members were also able to sign up to receive email updates and the optional City-initiated Contractor Program.

- Location: The meeting was held at the Hutton House Event Center
- Date: March 18, 2024
- Format: Open house from 5 pm to 7 pm, with formal a presentation at 5:30
 - A questions and answers session was facilitated after the presentation.
- Activities
 - A layout was available for review and questions
 - Project boards and handouts
 - Comment cards to provide input
 - Sign-up table to receive email updates
 - Station where residents were able to sign up for the City-initiated Contractor Program to connect services to City Water.
- A recorded video of the live presentation is posted on the project website for people that could not attend the event in-person. Presentation slides are also available on the project website.

Meeting notifications

- Postcard invitations were mailed to all residents approximately two weeks ahead of the event
- A notice of the event was published in the local paper
- Event information was posted on City social media

Attendance

- Approximately 95 individuals attended the Open House. The following staff members were also present:
 - SEH staff: Dave Hutton (presenter), Blake Hansen, Ashley Degenhardt, Connor Mullarkey
 - City Council project Liaison – Bill McNaughton
 - Veit Construction representative – Sam Straate

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Discussion and comments/questions

During the open house portion, the following questions or comments were discussed

Comment/question	Response
Can I change the location of my curb stop?	Yes. The contractor will install a stake in your yard for the location of the proposed curb stop. Then they, along with the SEH inspector, will meet with you to move the stake to your final desired location. You should review your homes plumbing to determine where you want the curb stop
Traffic – will my grad party be impacted	It will be a challenge for visitors this summer, both in travel through construction zones, but also parking, as no parking will be allowed on the road.
How much will it cost to connect my home to City water?	It may cost anywhere from \$10-25k depending on the complexity of the connection, the location of your current well, and the plumbing inside your home. City of Plymouth connection fees are currently approximately \$5,000.
Will I have access to my driveway during construction?	Yes, you will have access to your driveway at all times with the exception short timeframes when your driveway is being removed and reinstalled. The contractor will notify you when access to your driveway will be impacted.
Can the hydrant near my property be relocated?	No. While the hydrant location may move a few feet from the plan location, hydrant locations will generally remain the same to meet fire codes.
Why were trees removed?	Trees were removed for water services, hydrants, trenched watermain installation or Emerald Ash Borer.

During the formal presentation, the following questions were discussed and responded to.

Comment/question	Response
Mail deliveries. Concerned about mail theft. Would the City consider locking mailboxes or additional security for the temporary mailboxes at City Hall with camera surveillance?	No locking mailboxes or video surveillance is not part of the project. Please refer to the mail box handout for alternatives if you are concerned about mail theft
Packages. Can we use City Hall address?	Yes. Keep in mind that City Hall is unoccupied during most days and nights so you should be available to pick up your package soon after delivery. We will be putting package box at City Hall for deliveries.
Other traffic – roofing contractors, garbage trucks, etc	Garbage service will continue during construction. Yes, your roofing contractors should be able to get in during construction
Newspaper delivery	Contact your carrier. They may or may not come into the construction zone. No newspaper mailboxes are going to be installed.
City Water connection program. Many questions on the program details and why the new ordinance was passed	The city is still working out the program details on possibly doing a larger contract for multiple homes at once to get a lower group price. Keep checking the project web site for more updates. The new ordinance was passed to start encouraging residents to hook up to City water as certain events happen in order to achieve the 75% hookups in 10 years in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement with Plymouth, to avoid additional maintenance charges.
Will the City allow the connection to be spread over 5-10 years or do we have to pay up front?	The City is still working through the program. More details to come later this year,
Why do you have to hook up when you remodel?	Only projects over \$100,000 will need to hook up per the ordinance. Re-roofing will not require hooking up
Speed humps. Many comments both pro and con for using speed humps.	Speed humps will not go in until 2025 with the final wear course of asphalt. The exact location and number have not been determined yet. Speed humps were added at the direction of City Council as another traffic calming device.
Can we vote on speed humps as a city?	That would be a City Council decision

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<p>What is the quality of the water in Plymouth? Do we need water softeners?</p>	<p>Plymouth meets the highest water quality standards set by the state. Like all cities, they are required to publish an annual water quality report, which you can find on their website. They treat their groundwater with an iron and manganese treatment plant so chances are you will need a water softener.</p>
<p>Will parking be allowed at Jevne Park during construction?</p>	<p>You should be able to use the existing gravel lots around Jevne Park for a while until they get impacted by construction and then they will not be available.</p>
<p>Will the height of the road change?</p>	<p>Not very much. We need to match driveways on both sides of the street so we can't change grades much at all. But because we are putting in a crown and the road is flat now the edges may be slightly lower than now. The grades will not vary by more than 4-6 in inches</p>
<p>Do they need to know where their sewer lateral is located?</p>	<p>No, the contractor will be locating them by remote camera robots crawling into main sewer pipe through manholes.</p>
<p>How far is our lateral going to be lined?</p>	<p>Street side laterals will be lined to the right of way line or about 30 feet. Rear yards will be lined about 10 feet. The reason is because we need to stay within the dedicated easements in the rear yards</p>
<p>Are there plans to bury overhead power lines?</p>	<p>No, not with this project. The cost is prohibitive as Xcel will pass this on to the City. Plus, there would be additional costs to residents to bury their service line.</p>
<p>What happens if our power or internet is cut during construction?</p>	<p>The contractors try to avoid these incidents, but it is up to the utility companies to correctly mark their lines. Despite best efforts by all, accidents do happen. If so, the utilities companies come out immediately to repair</p>
<p>Is the watermain going to be looped?</p>	<p>No, we have run pressure models and there will be adequate water pressure at the end of Peninsula Road. There really is no way to loop the main. The only area being looped is Kaiser/Colonial back to S. Shore Drive.</p>

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Do we have any renderings of the Jevne Park improvements?	That is a separate project not part of this meeting. The City has a separate committee working on this and they might have some plans on the City website
Is the City doing water testing on wells?	Sign up at the City table in the back if interested.
Do we have to cap our well if we connect?	If you don't keep your well for irrigation purposes, the DNR will require it to be capped. If kept for irrigation, no cross connections to your home water will be allowed.
Will the entrance feature be confusing to motorists – too tight for turns, no room for pedestrians, etc. The temporary white posts put up last fall as a test were a problem.	The design committee felt it was important to create the image of entering a neighborhood. So, the entrance feature was designed for that purpose with colored stamped concrete median, surmountable curb, landscaping and share the road/complete streets signage. The road will be widened to accommodate pedestrian safety in this area.
Will the median block 106 Peninsula?	No. Plus being surmountable curb, it can be driven over.

Comment Cards received

Comment	Response
“Very concerned about people that don't live here using my neighbor's grass to park because the store and put their boat on the dock. Permit parking for residents”	This would be an enforcement issue if a problem persists. As far as resident permit parking passes, that would need to be addressed by City Council
“Would like to see a vote about speed humps. Would like to see City assess the costs of water connections on the taxes over 10 years.”	Both topics would require City Council discussion and approval.



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About the Project

The City of Medicine Lake is being proactive in addressing its aging infrastructure that cause maintenance issues and reliability concerns. The City will be making long-term improvements to its street and utility networks. Construction is scheduled to start in spring 2024.

The following are included as part of the 2024 Street and Utility Project improvements:

- Complete street rehabilitation on Peninsula Rd and Kaiser Ave
- Water main installation (connected to City of Plymouth system)
- New fire hydrants
- Sanitary sewer improvements
- Replacement of trail along S. Shore Drive

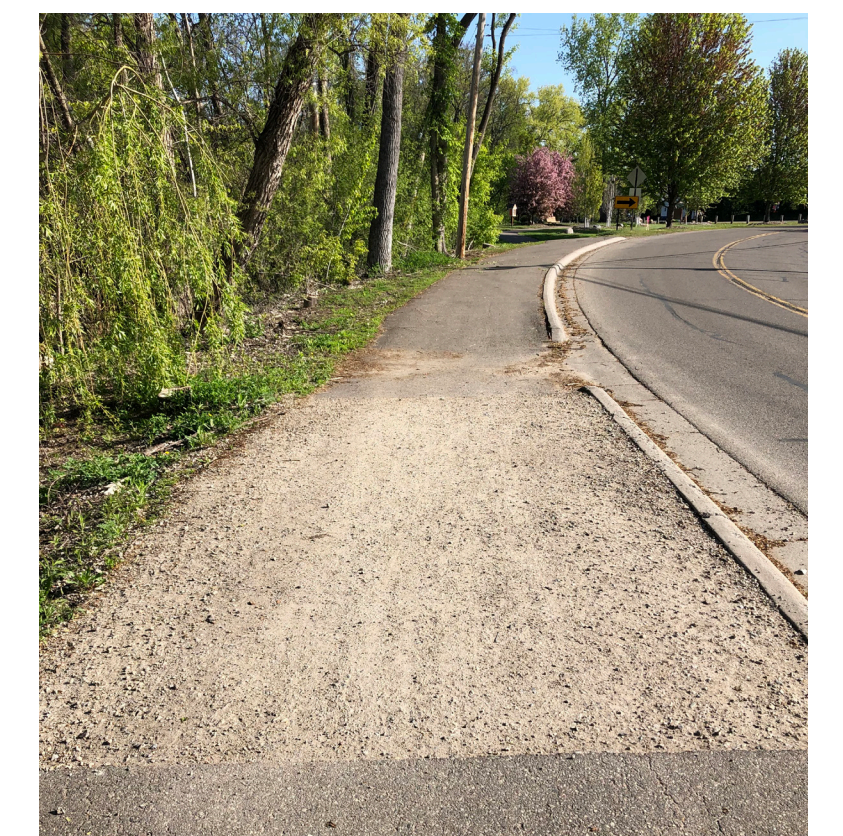
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Stay informed

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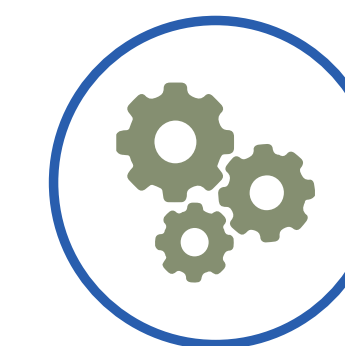
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Benefits



Ensures the long-term vitality of the community



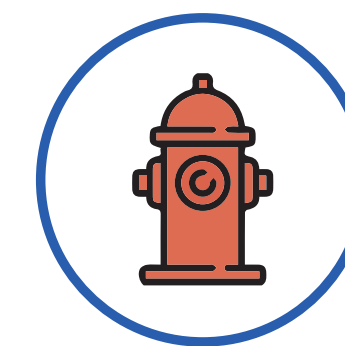
Rehabilitates aging infrastructure



Improves road safety for all users



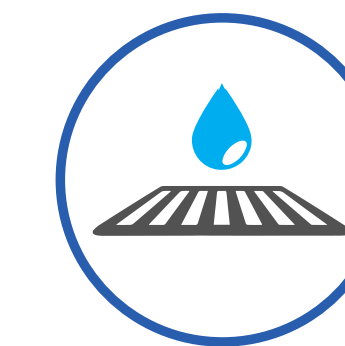
Improves mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists



Improves fire protection with new fire hydrants



Provides municipal drinking water



Upgrades to the drainage and sewer infrastructure

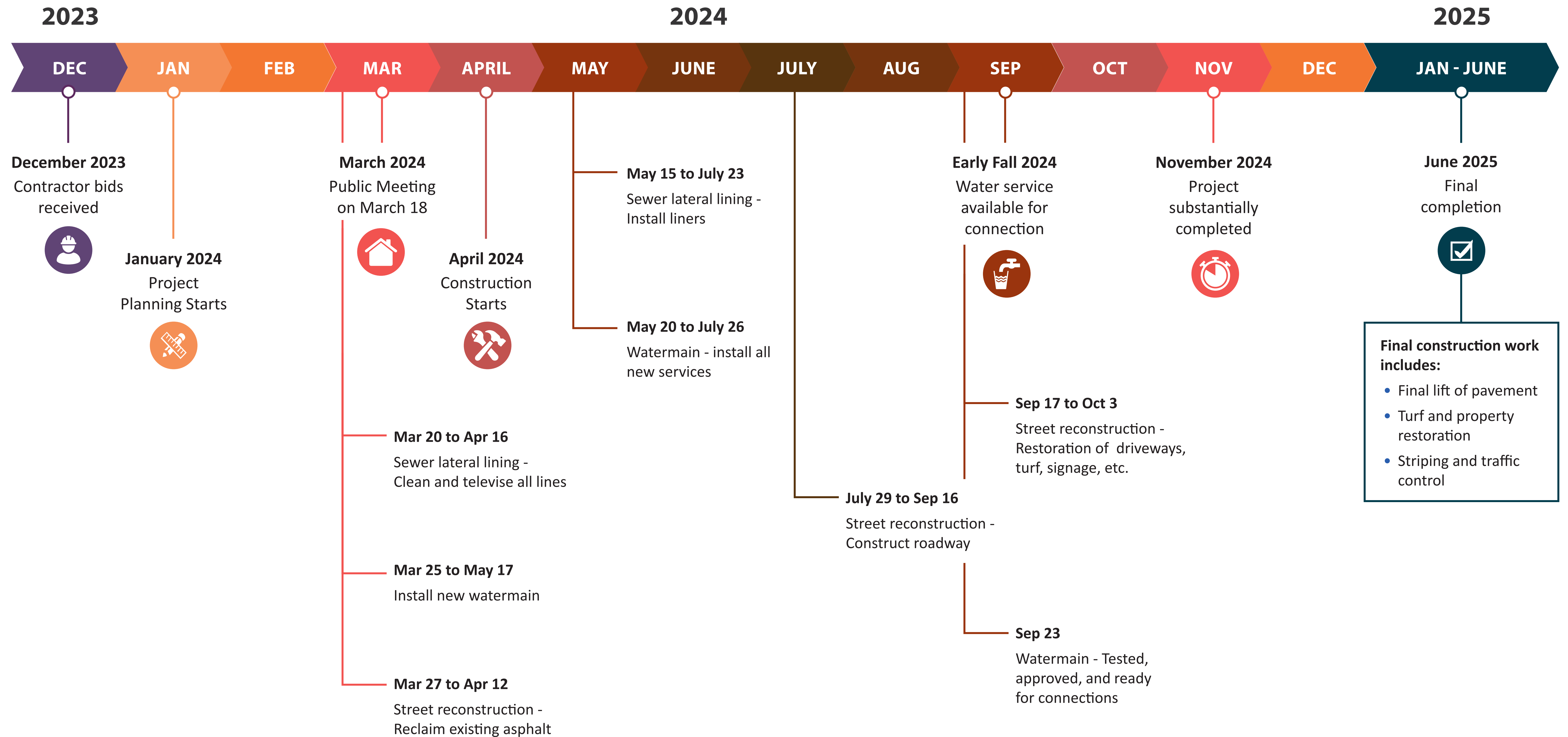


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Schedule





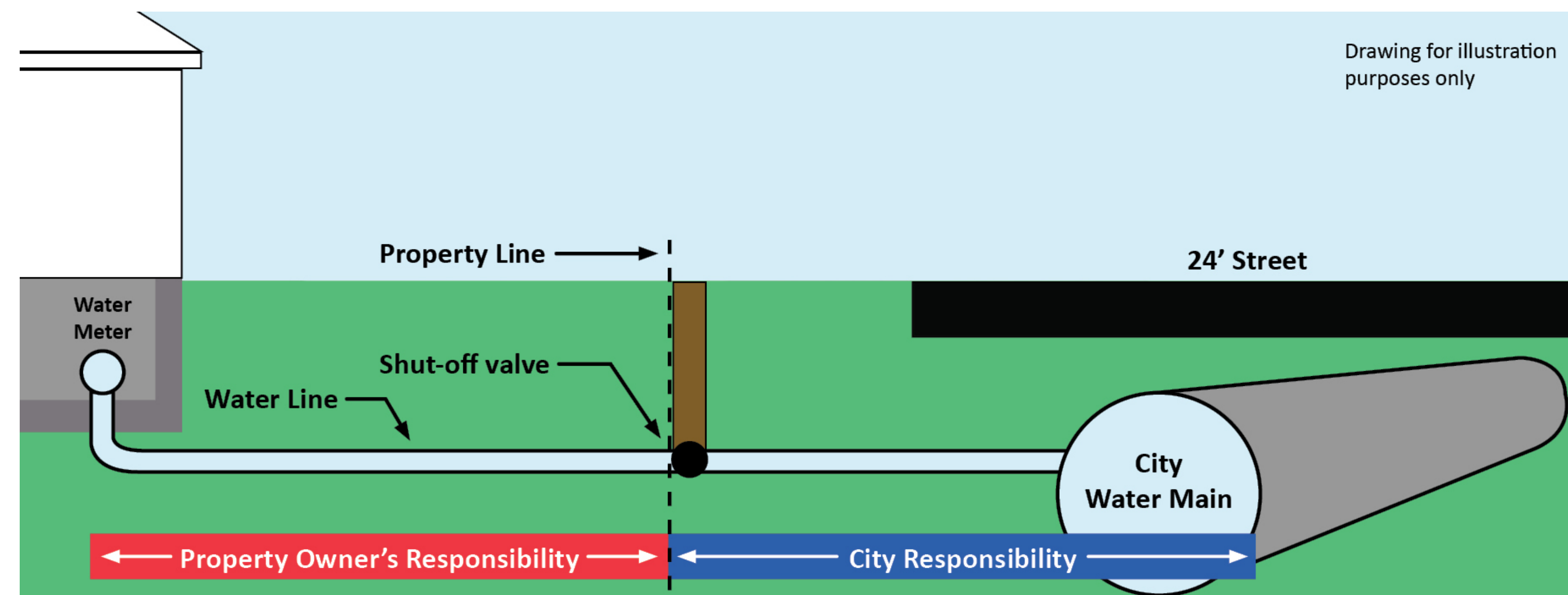
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Water Service Connections

As part of the project, the City of Medicine Lake will install a new watermain to provide municipal drinking water. The new system will be maintained by the City of Plymouth.

Water service lines will be extended to property lines with a curb stop / shut-off valve. The shut-off valve allows for plumbers to connect your property to the service line in the future. Property owners will choose which side of the house they want the future water connection. This will allow the service to be aligned as closely as possible to where the new water line enters the basement. It is recommended to install the curb stop valve in your yard instead of the driveway to prevent any impacts to driveways during snow removal.



Q: What is the process to connect to future municipal water services?

A: The Medicine Lake water system will be linked and maintained by the City of Plymouth. Property owners will need to obtain a permit and water meter from the City of Plymouth Water Department. There will be permit fees charged along with the cost of the meter. The Plymouth Water Department will also inspect the connection to the service lines after it is completed.

Q: How much will it cost property owners to hook up to the City water?

A: There are two components to the cost of service connection.

City of Plymouth permit fees - the current 2023 City of Plymouth fees are approximately \$5,000.00, which includes:

- Residential connection charge: \$1,493
- Water connection permit: \$40
- Plumbing fee (2% of job): \$45
- Meter Fee (standard 1" meter): \$615
- Water Area Charge: \$2,813

Contractor costs - the contractor range will depend on how far homes are from the watermain. It is estimated that the cost will be approximately \$10,000 and \$20,000 per home. This cost can be reduced if multiple property owners hire the same contractor or if a property owner signs up for the City-led Contractor Program.

For more information and Sign up for the City-led Contractor Program

For more information about the water service connection process, sign up for the City-led Contractor Program, please scan the QR code or visit the project website:

www.streetandutilityproject.com/water-services

