

# Water Pipe Bursting-

## A New Way to Replace Aging Water Infrastructure

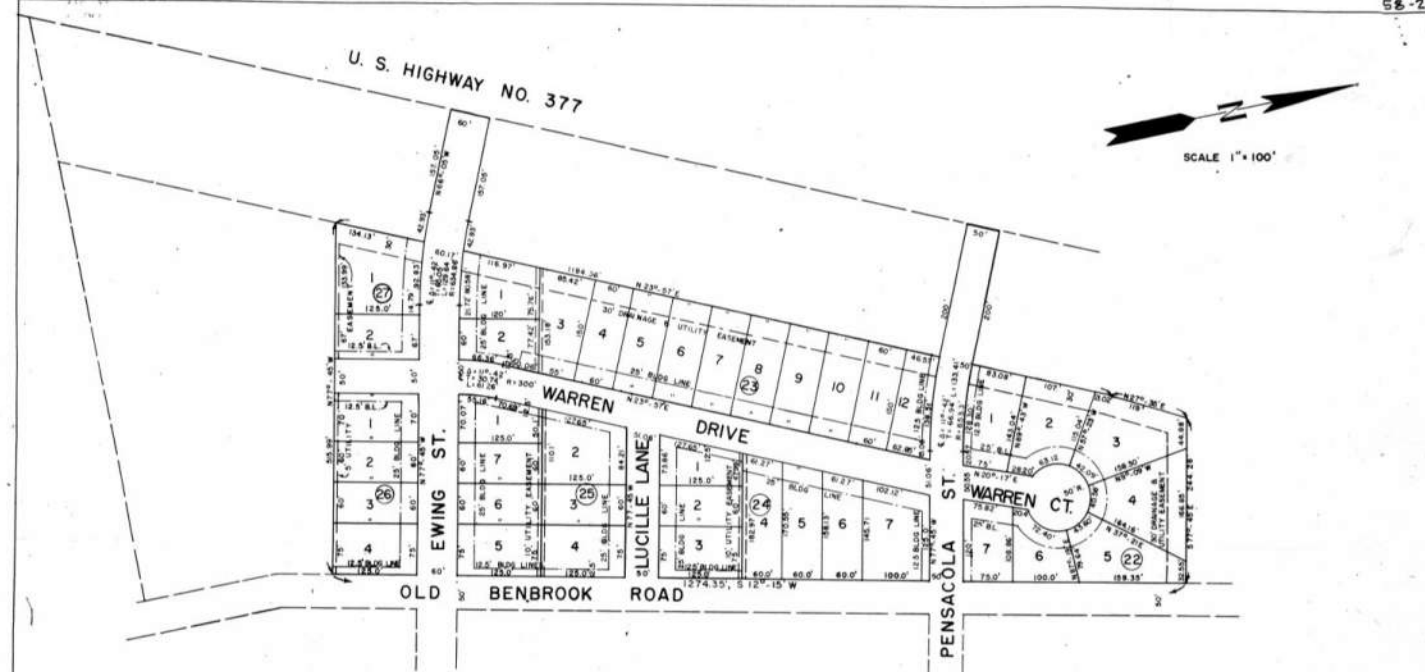
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PLAT SHOWING

LOTS 1 THRU 7, BLOCK 22, LOTS 1 THRU 12, BLOCK 23, LOTS 1 THRU 7, BLOCK 24,  
LOTS 1 THRU 7, BLOCK 25, LOTS 1 THRU 4, BLOCK 26,  
LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 27

RIDGECREST ADDITION

A SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS

OF THE MCKINNEY and WILLIAMS, I. SHRUMM, and J.W. SMITH SURVEYS IN THE  
CITY OF FORT WORTH, TARRANT COUNTY,  
TEXAS

SURVEYED SEPTEMBER, 1958

By

HUMPHREY & HILL, INC.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION

NOTE:  
THIS PLAT IS VALID ONLY IF RECORDED WITHIN  
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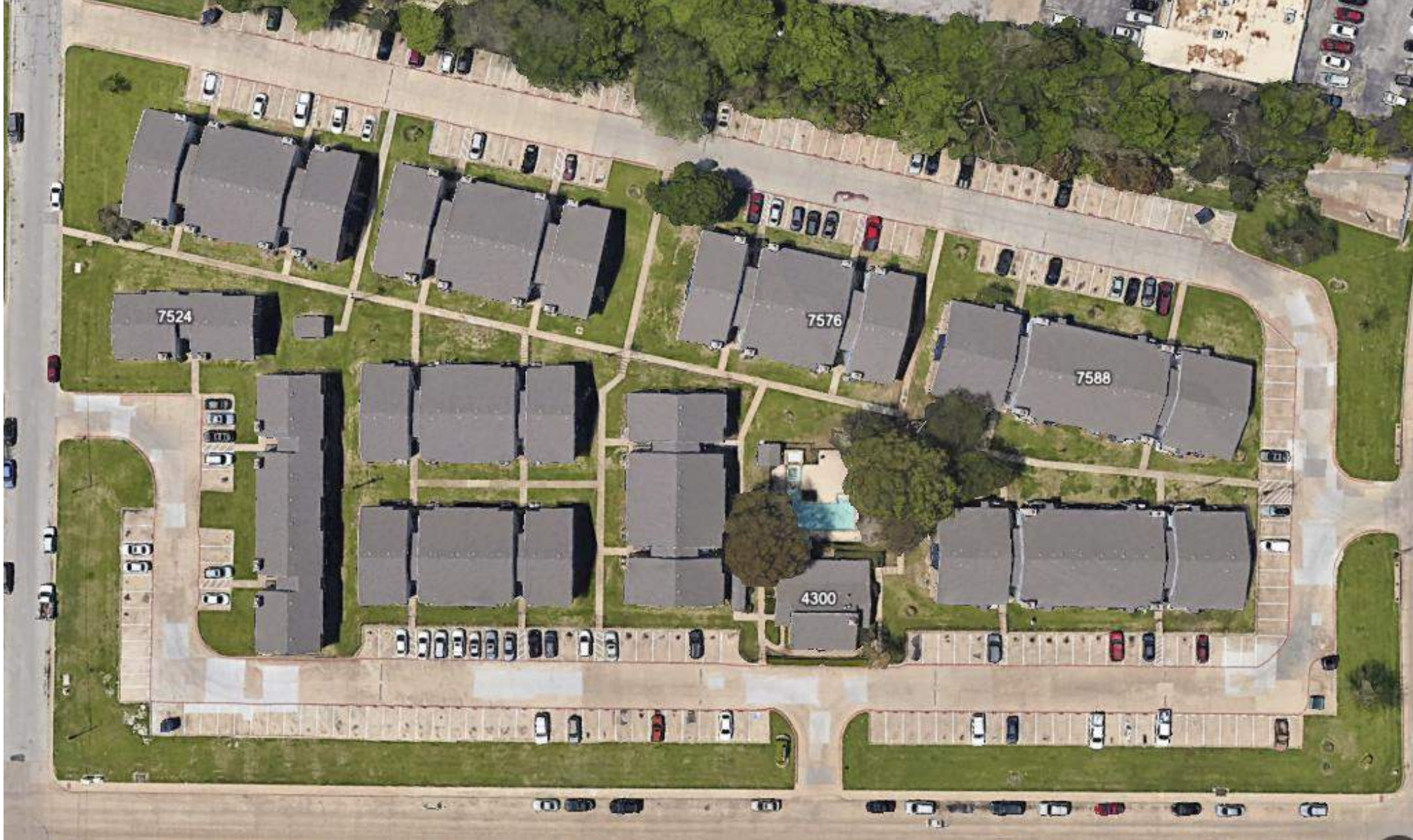
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# Water & Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation for West Wind Apartments

- 60-year-old 6" water line & 6" sanitary sewer line
- Abandoned ROW
- Total: 800 LF of water & sanitary sewer line



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# Water & Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation for West Wind Apartments

- Challenges:
- Infrastructure as close as 10' apart
- Buildings, pedestrian traffic, trees & franchise utilities



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# Water & Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation for West Wind Apartments

- Shield hired to investigate trenchless replacement
- Due to constraints, needed an innovative approach



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# Trenchless Methods

- Relocation by bore
- Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)
- Cured-in-Place Pipeline (CIPP)
- Sliplining
- Pipe Bursting





# Research

- Meetings and coordination with experienced contractors
- Meetings with local municipalities
- Coordinate with material vendors/manufacturers
- Research local, state & federal specifications

## SECTION 2.5

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FOR REHABILITATION OF EXISTING WATER MAIN BY PIPE BURSTING (PB)

#### PART 1: GENERAL

##### 1.1 Scope of Work

Furnish all materials, labor, equipment, tools, and required incidentals for the replacement of water mains by Pipe Bursting method. The Pipe Bursting process is defined as the trenchless reconstruction of existing water mains by the simultaneous insertion of liner pipe within the bore of the existing pipe, by breaking and expanding the existing pipe. The scope includes reconnection of existing water service connections television inspection of the newly rehabilitated pipe and complete installation in accordance with the contract documents. Only hydraulically and pneumatically operated equipment will be allowed for this method.

##### 1.2 Liner Pipe Description

Unless otherwise specified in the plans and/or specifications, one of the following pipes or approved equal can be considered for horizontal directional drilling contingent upon approval by the Owner:

- ☐ Fusible Polyvinylchloride (PVC) Water Pipe as manufactured by Underground Solutions, Inc.
- ☐ Restrained Joint Polyvinylchloride (PVC) Water Pipe as manufactured by CertainTeed Corporation.

The pipe to be used must be certified for use as a pressure-rated water delivery system and fire protection piping applications conforming to all standards and procedures, and meeting all testing and material properties as described in applicable pipe specifications and/or plans.

##### 1.3 Related Works

- ☐ Technical Specification for Fusible Polyvinylchloride (PVC) Water Pipe
- ☐ Technical Specification for Restrained Joint Polyvinylchloride (PVC) Water Pipe

# HDPE and PVC Pipes: Pros and Cons

## HDPE Pros:

- Flexible, durable, and long lasting
- Easier to handle and install
- Environmentally friendly

## HDPE Cons:

- Typically more expensive than PVC

## PVC Pros:

- Cheaper than HDPE
- Widely available

## PVC Cons:

- More prone to cracking under stress
- Vulnerable to high temperatures



# Research – Pipe Materials

## Fracturable Pipes:

- Cast Iron (CI)
- Clay (VCP)
- Concrete (CP)
- Asbestos Cement (AC)
- High-density Polyethylene (HDPE)
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)





# Research – Pipe Materials

## Non-fracturable Pipes:

- Ductile Iron (DI)
- Steel
- Galvanized Iron





# Pipe Bursting Considerations

- Constructability concerns
- Point repairs at all fittings
- Temporary water services & reconnections





# Pipe Bursting Considerations

- No replacement of multiple & changing pipe materials
- Help reduce timeframe
- Cost-saving potential

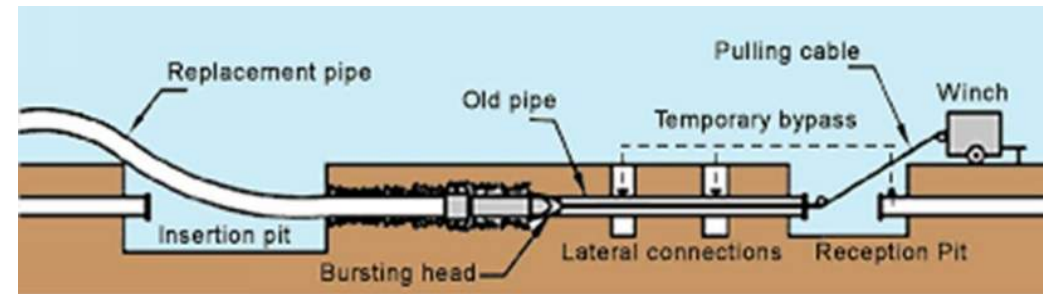
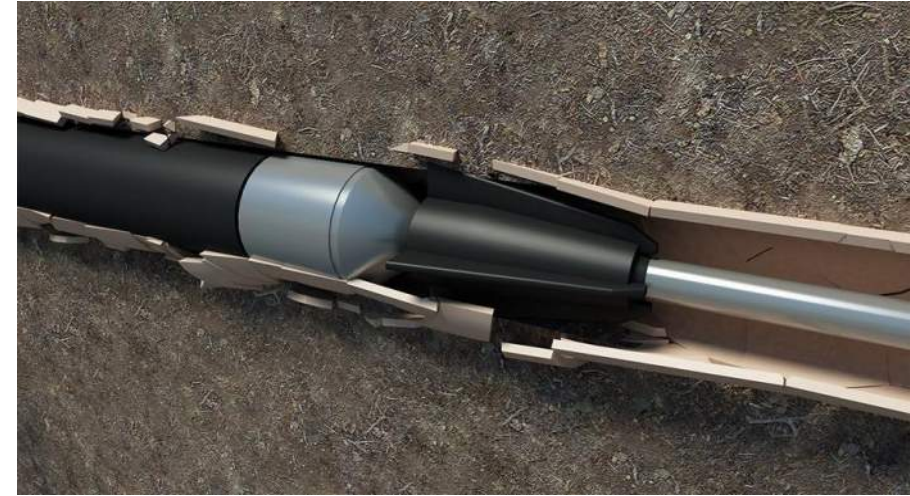
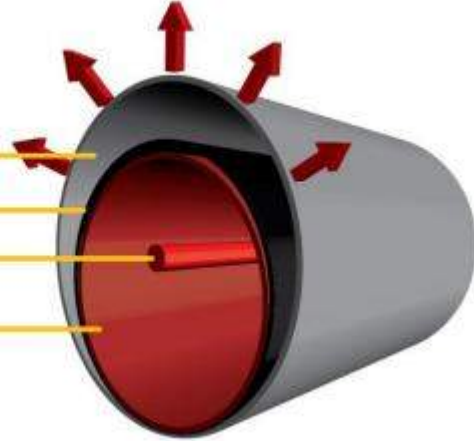




# Pipe Bursting

Pipe Bursting:  
Typical Compaction

Expander  
New pipe  
Connection  
center point  
Existing pipe



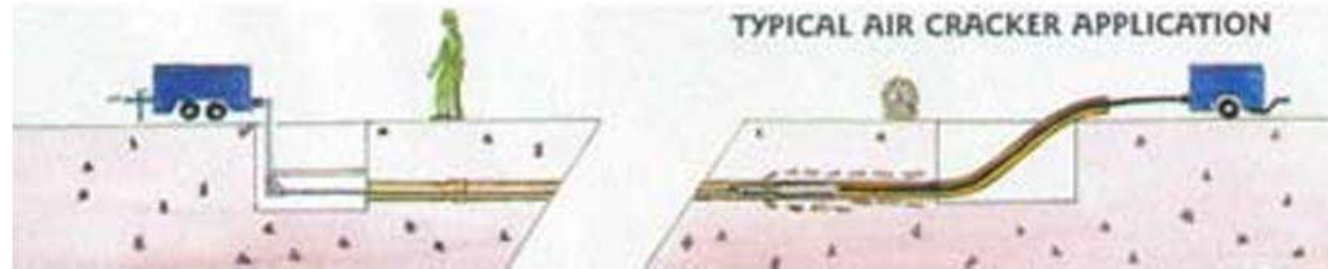
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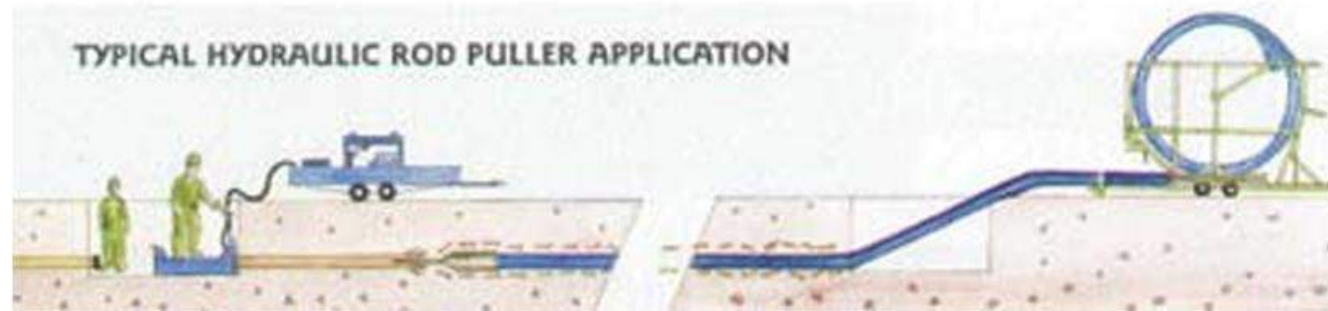


# Pipe Bursting



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**Figure 1. Pneumatic Pipe Bursting**



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**Figure 2. Hydraulic Pipe Bursting**



# Design Considerations

- Innovative approach
- Reduce incidental costs
- Pipe bursting a viable option





# Design Considerations

- Longer than 750 LF run
- Limitations on cast iron fittings & sharp deflections/bends





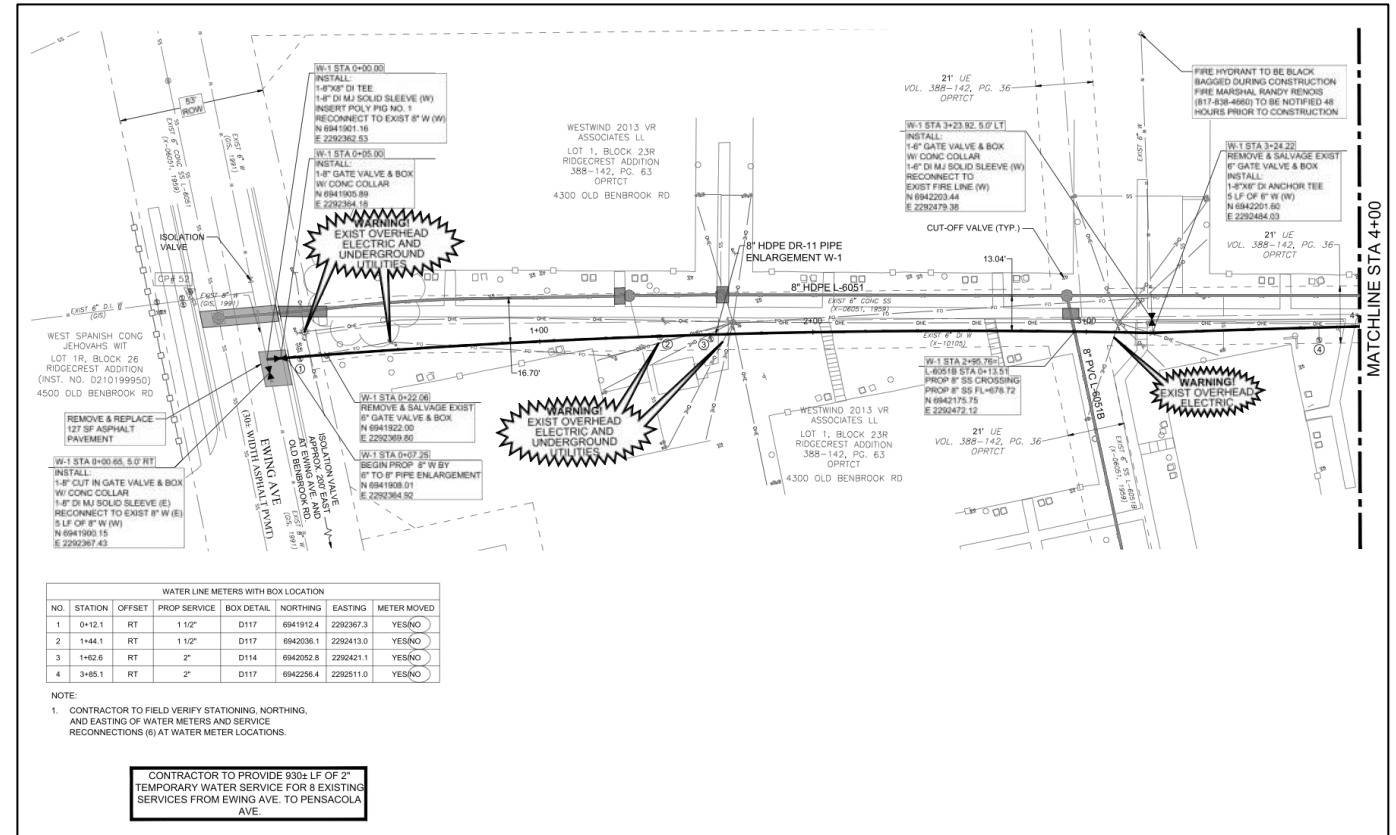
# Development of Specifications

- Researched pipe bursting for wastewater systems
- Compared them with water pipe bursting specs
- Combined specs for COFW
- Formatted new specs to COFW

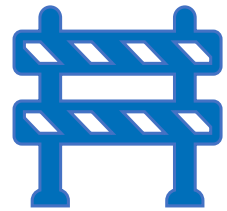
1	SECTION 33 11 20
2	WATER MAIN PIPE BURSTING (PRE-CHLORINATED)
3	PART 1 - GENERAL
4	1.1 SUMMARY
5	A. Section Includes
6	1. Requirements for the trenchless installation of water pipe for the replacement of
7	existing water mains by pipe bursting using pre-chlorinated HDPE pipe 12-inch
8	diameter and smaller.
9	B. Related Specification Sections include but are not necessarily limited to
10	1. Division 0 - Bidding Requirements, Contract Forms, and Conditions of the
11	Contract.
12	2. Division 1 - General Requirements.
13	3. Section 33 04 40 - Cleaning and Acceptance Testing of Water Mains
14	4. Section 33 12 10 - Water Services 1-inch to 2-inch
15	5. Section 33 12 25 - Connection to Existing Water Mains
16	6. Section 33 31 15 - High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Pipe for Sanitary Sewer
17	1.2 PRICE AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES
18	A. Measurement and Payment
19	1. Measurement
20	a. Measured horizontally along the surface from center line to center line of the
21	fitting, manhole, or appurtenance.
22	2. Payment
23	a. The work performed and materials furnished in accordance with this Item and
24	measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid for at the unit price
25	bid per linear foot for "HDPE Water Main by Pipe Bursting" installed for:
26	1) Various sizes
27	3. The price bid shall include:
28	a. Furnishing and installing HDPE by Pipe Bursting as specified by the Drawings
29	b. Mobilization
30	c. Pavement removal
31	d. Excavation
32	e. Hauling
33	f. Disposal of excess material
34	g. Furnishing, placement and compaction of embedment
35	h. Furnishing, placement and compaction of backfill
36	i. Restrained connections
37	j. Bolts and nuts
38	k. Gaskets
39	l. Clean-up
40	m. Cleaning
41	n. Disinfection
42	o. Testing

# Design Implementation

- Construction plans
- Contract manual & specifications
- Coordination with COFW & contractors
- Coordination with property management & residents







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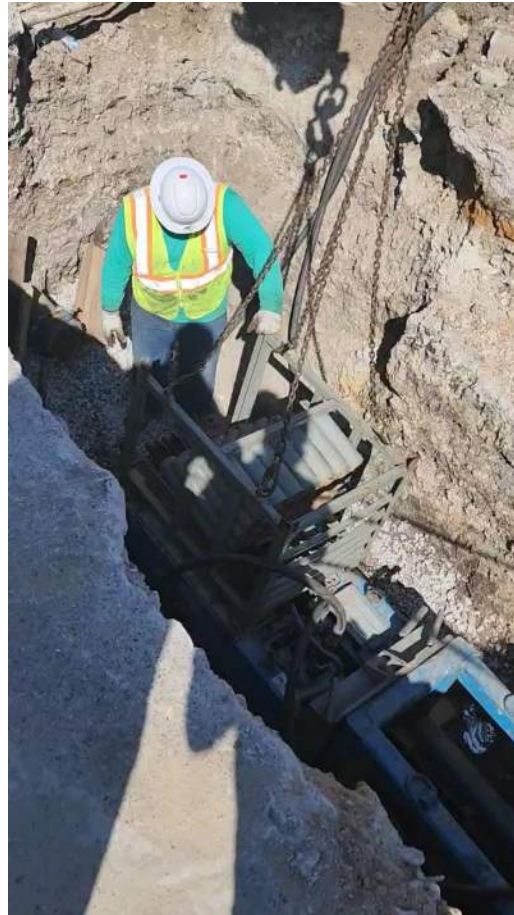
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