

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: What is the Harbour Island Force Main?

**A:** The Harbour Island Force Main is an essential pipeline in the City of Tampa’s wastewater system. It transfers all wastewater from the Lower Hillsborough River corridor to the Howard F. Curren Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. It conveys more than 15 million gallons or 30 percent of the City’s wastewater each day. Placed into service in 1951, the pipeline is reaching its end of service life.

### Q: What is the Harbour Island Force Main Replacement Design-Build Project?

**A:** The Harbour Island Force Main Replacement Design-Build Project includes all engineering and construction services necessary to replace and/or restore the Force Main. This includes the evaluation of pipe and pipeline route alternatives, preliminary surveys and soil sampling, selection of alternatives, final design and construction.

### Q: What area does the Force Main service?

**A:** Map #1 outlines the Sewer Service Area, as well as identifies the basins affected by the Harbour Island Force Main.

### Q: What is the current route of the Force Main on Harbour Island?

**A:** Map #2 includes the current Force Main route.

### Q: Why is the City embarking on this Project now?

**A:** The Force Main, which has been in service since 1951, is reaching its end of service life. Discovery of leaks and corroded pipeline within the past five years prompted the City to take a proactive approach to ensure this critical portion of the City’s wastewater system is rehabilitated and/or replaced.

### Q: What are the benefits of the Project?

**A:** The rehabilitation and/or replacement of the Force Main will provide the City a reliable wastewater pipeline, as well as provide protection of both the environment and public health.

### Q: Has the City already selected a route, and if so can you describe?

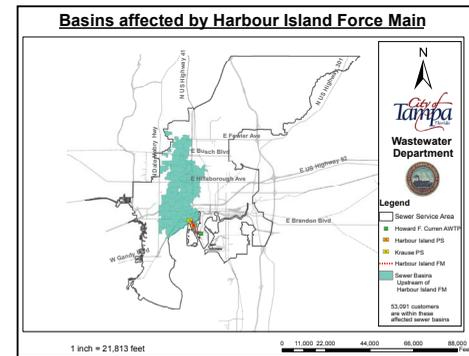
**A:** At this time, the City has not selected a route. In fact, the City is just now beginning the route alternatives study, which includes an existing pipe condition survey, a geotechnical survey, soil borings and subsurface utility exploration. This preliminary work is being conducted in order to identify potential route alternatives.

### Q: Will the City look at alternatives that include an all water route or take the Force Main off Harbour Island?

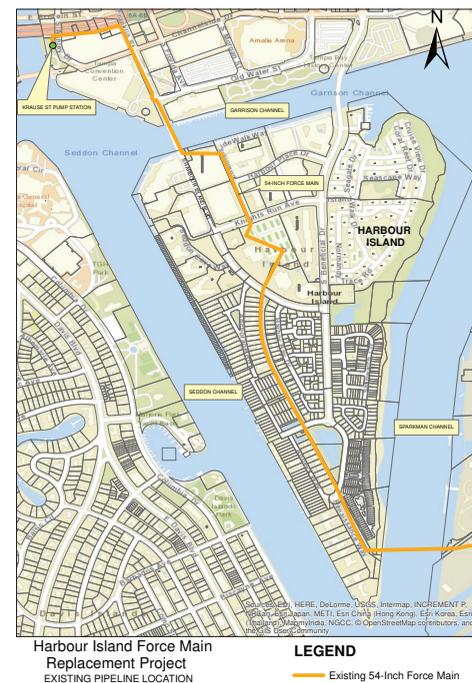
**A:** The City will look at all possible alternatives during the route alternative study.

### Q: When will the route alternatives be available to the public?

**A:** The route alternatives will be determined once the Project team completes the route alternative study, sometime during the Summer 2018. At that time, the City will host a public meeting to present the route alternatives to the owners, resident and businesses on Harbour Island. At the meeting, we will gather public input on the route alternatives, which will be used along with the technical studies to select a final route.



Map 1



Map 2

# Harbour Island Force Main Replacement

## Design-Build Project



**Q: When will the final route be selected? What is the process for City approval?**

**A:** The final route will be selected during the Fall 2018, after the technical studies are complete and public input is collected.

**Q: Currently there is a lot of new development taking place in downtown Tampa and Channelside. Is the intent of the Project to increase capacity?**

**A:** Due to the critical nature of the Project, the Force Main needs to be replaced and/or rehabilitated regardless of the amount of new construction in downtown Tampa and Channelside. The current pipeline is 48 inches in diameter which is sufficient capacity to handle growth in its service area. Therefore, the replacement pipeline will not need to be upsized and rehabilitation of the existing pipeline is a possible option.

**Q: When will construction begin on the Project?**

**A:** The Project team will finalize the construction schedule once a final route has been selected. A construction schedule will be provided to stakeholders well in advance of construction activities.

**Q: How specifically will owners, residents, businesses on Harbour Island be impacted once construction begins?**

**A:** Impacts due to construction activities on this Project will not be known until a final route is selected. The City is however, committed to working with owners, resident and businesses to minimize impacts as much as possible.

**Q: What company is the City contracting with on this Project and why was that company chosen for this work?**

**A:** Kimmins Contracting Corporation is leading the Project team and was awarded the design-build contract for this Project based on its qualifications and experience. Kimmins will be sub-contracting to other firms for design, engineering, and public involvement.

**Q: The City originally communicated with the public it would not hold a public meeting until November. Why is a public meeting now being held in May?**

**A:** The intent of the May public meeting is to provide an overview and ensure accurate information about the Project is communicated to owners, residents and businesses. The City will still host a public meeting in Summer 2018 for owners, residents and business on Harbour Island to collect input on route alternatives. A meeting will also be held in Fall 2018 to present the final route. Based on the timing of the feasibility study, the timeframes listed above are subject to change.

**Q: Has the City engaged the owners, residents and business regarding the Harbour Island Force Main Replacement Design-Build Project?**

**A:** Yes, the City sent a letter to all owners, residents and business on Harbour Island in February 2018 which provided background information about the Harbour Island Force Main and the Project. In addition, a Project Website and Project Hotline has been set up, and a public meeting was held in May. Additional public meetings will be held throughout the duration of the Project.

**Q: How will the City continue to inform residents about the Project?**

**A:** The City is committed to maintaining transparent and open dialogue throughout the course of this Project. Stakeholders can stay information by calling our Project Hotline at **(813) 235-4830** or visiting our Project Website at **www.hiforcemain.com**.



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