

Lead Service Line Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 2:03 p.m. by Kenley Farmer, appointed Chair.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

- Kenley Farmer, designee for Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
- Stephen Varga, designee for District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- Randy Speck, public representative appointed by Council
- Valerie Baron, public representative appointed by Council
- Maureen Schmelling, designee for DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

Absent Task Force Members

Matthew Nestopoulos, designee for Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)

Guest Panelists

- John Deignan, DC Water
- Kishia Powell, DC Water

Adoption of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting agenda and meeting minutes from March 3rd were adopted.

II. Timeline Review of Council's Independent Cost Assessment

Michael Porcello (Council staff) recommends the task force extend the reporting deadline from 10 months to 12 months (from August 23, 2021).

Draft Plan Deadline: Change from April 23, 2022, to June 23, 2022

Final Plan Deadline: Change from June 23, 2022, to August 23, 2022

The task force will vote on an extension to the timeline at the next meeting (March 31, 2022).

III. Review of DC Water's Lead-Free DC Plan and Cost

The review of the plan and cost analysis is postponed until the next Lead Service Line Planning Task Force meeting as DC Water is compiling lead line removal cost estimates for data sharing. The task force shall receive the data prior to the next meeting.

Data proven challenges with lead service line programs acceptance:

- Unreachable homeowners of properties occupied by tenants
- Cost to replace lead pipes on private property
- Engagement with the most vulnerable population

How do we move from the current lead line programs to the Block-by-Block Program? The Lead Pipe Replacement Program and the Voluntary Replacement Program provides an opportunity for customers to have their lead service lines replaced sooner rather than waiting for the Block-by-Block Program.

The task force suggested to invite the Office of Racial Equity, or the Department of Energy and Environment racial equity point of contact to future meetings.

Question and Answer Session

Q: Has the plan been peer reviewed by an independent organization?

A: No, DC Water has not sought out an independent review; however, in composing the plan the team had various discussions with stakeholders in the District, counterparts across the country, and took part in a benchmarking exercise that provided DC Water with feedback and best practices.

Q: Will the task force meetings be extended?

A: Yes, if the timeline is extended, the task force meetings will continue for the duration.

Q: What is test pitting?

A: Test pitting is excavation at multiple points in public space and on private property to visually determine the material of the service line.

IV. Action Items and Future Agenda Items

Action Items

- Randy Speck/Kenley Farmer will:
 - Share the public notice and other relevant materials with ANCs.
- Kenley Farmer will:
 - Invite Michael Porcello and DOEE's equity point of contact to the March 31st task force meeting.
- Valerie Baron/Paul Schwartz will:

- Identify lead service line replacement expert(s) that can join one of the task force meetings to talk about their experience.
- Valerie Baron/Randy Speck will:
 - Draft proposed recommendations for the Lead Free DC Plan.
- Maureen Schmelling/John Deignan will:
 - Coordinate a time for Paul to join DC Water's door to door outreach event.
 - Draft a one-pager on the processes and efficiency gains between DCRA and DC Water project coordination
 - Confirm if DC Water attorneys are open to changes to the LSR Agreement. If not, provide a cover letter of the LSR Agreement in simpler language.
 - Share DC Water's Fiscal Year 2021 actual cost report and current cost estimates with the task force.
- Task Force members will:
 - Continue to identify District agencies that can aid in the development of the lead service line plan to the Council.
 - Share related documents (memorandum of agreement, studies, etc.) to help with the formulation of the plan via the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Box.com account.

Future Agenda Items

Meet with Safe Water Engineering, LLC to review their assessment.

Proposed Agenda for 3/31/22

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members
2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda
3. Timeline Review of Council's Independent Cost Assessment
4. Review of DC Water's Lead Free DC Plan and Costs
5. Discuss Outreach and Partnership Opportunities
6. Reports from Subcommittees
7. Question and Answer Session
8. Action Items and Future Agenda Items