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Virginia American Water to Install Water Line Beneath Alexandria’s Cameron Run *\$1.9 million project to connect two water zones along Eisenhower Avenue*

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (March 7, 2018) – Virginia American Water is installing a water line that will connect two of the company’s distribution systems along Eisenhower Avenue in the City of Alexandria. Virginia American Water will install nearly 1,000 feet of 12- and 14-inch pipe beneath the Cameron Run waterway to create a looped system, improving water service reliability and fire hydrant flow capacity.

The project area begins at 4101 Eisenhower Avenue (Vola Lawson Animal Shelter), located east of the intersection of Eisenhower Avenue and the Holmes Run Trail. The project will continue across Cameron Run toward the City of Alexandria Recycling Center at 4251 Eisenhower Avenue. Construction work begins this week and will last until June, weather permitting.

The water main interconnect project is necessary to connect existing water mains and provide a looped system. The project will minimize the number of water service interruptions customers experience by providing additional piping to supply water to the area.

“This \$1.9 million investment Virginia American Water is making will allow us to increase fire flows and keep water flowing to more customers by reducing service interruptions,” said Barry Suits, president, Virginia American Water. “The Eisenhower interconnect project is also part of our commitment to proactively upgrade the water infrastructure in the City of Alexandria.”

Virginia American Water’s contractor, Utilities Unlimited, will install the new water line approximately 20 feet below Cameron Run using horizontal directional drilling methods. The project and the drilling methods have been designed to avoid impacts to wetlands or Waters of the United States rules.

Work hours are Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Traffic on Eisenhower Avenue may be impacted at times during this project. Motorists should use caution, obey traffic signs and follow any detour routes when driving in the area. Weekend work is not expected unless required to maintain the project schedule.

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