After water main is done, crew will move on to Campbell Park lift station

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Construction will start Monday on a main street project that will complete the installation of a new eight-inch water main on Broadway, from 7th to 11th Sts.

Myers Construction of Broken Bow was awarded the bid this spring for the project that will connect with the new water main laid downtown and with other new main laid north of 12th St. Imperial's Public Works Supt. Pat Davison said the crew will start work near the fire hall and move north.

The water main will be laid on the west side of Broadway behind the curb. In addition, new meter pits and services will be installed for every residence and business along street from 7th to 11th Sts.

The services to the east side of Broadway will be connected under the highway, Davison said. Two-lane traffic will be maintained on Broadway during the work, Davison said, but access to intersections on the west side will be limited.

As the laying of the main approaches the intersections between 7th and 11th Sts., those will be closed to traffic that is turning off Broadway, but no more than two intersections at a time, he said.

All intersections on the east side will not be affected.

Davison said all yards, concrete and sprinkler systems damaged from the work will be replaced at no cost to the property owners.

Based on discussion at a construction meeting Tuesday, Davison said the Broadway water main project is expected to take 30 to 45 days, weather permitting.

The crew hopes to have the water main installed in at least the southern-most two blocks by Chase County Fair time.

After the water main is completed, the crew will move on to the second phase of the contract, replacement of the Campbell Park lift station in the northeast part of the park.

As part of the lift station project, the entire parking lot, including the manhole, north of the Lions picnic shelter will be replaced.

According to the contract, the work completion deadline is Nov. 15, 2009.

Myers Construction was the low bidder for the work at \$457,886 for both the water main and lift station projects.