



Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Listening Sessions

July 28, 2022

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Task Force Members
2. Background of the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force
3. Review of the draft plan and associated documents
4. Public Comment

This meeting will be recorded, and the recording will be posted on DOE's website.

Public Comment Period: Format

1. Please request a place in line by entering the request into the chat box.
2. All comments will be limited to 5 minutes.
3. The moderator will call on each person on a first-come, first-serve basis, at which time they will be unmuted.
4. Questions will be limited to 3 minutes.

Background: Enabling Legislation

Authority: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021, Title VI. Operations and Infrastructure, Subtitle O., Sec. 6141., “Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Establishment Amendment Act of 2021”

Administrator: Department of Energy and Environment

Purpose: To develop an interagency plan for the removal and replacement of all lead water service lines by 2030.

Members (6):

- Director of DOEE, or designee
- GM of DC Water, or designee
- Director of DDOT, or designee
- Director of DCRA, or designee
- One representative appointed by the Chairperson of the Council committee with oversight of DC Water
- One representative appointed by the Chairperson of the Council committee with oversight of DOEE

Background: Enabling Legislation

Meeting Timeline: First meeting, within 2 months after August 23, 2021; shall meet at least monthly

Dissolution: Upon submitting the report required by the Act

Report Deadline: Within 12 months after August 23, 2021

Plan Requirements:

- (A) An account of the role of each District agency, including agencies not part of the Task Force, in the removal and replacement of all lead water service lines by 2030;
- (B) An account of identified barriers to the District removing and replacing all lead water service lines by 2030, and proposed solutions to reduce or eliminate those barriers;
- (C) An account of opportunities for interagency coordination or cooperation to accelerate or improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of lead water service line replacements;

(continued)

Background: Enabling Legislation

Plan Requirements (*continued*):

- (D) An interagency spending proposal;
- (E) Recommended changes or clarifications to DC Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan, released on June 14, 2021;
- (F) A list of potential funding sources to support lead water service line replacements; and
- (G) A list of legislative, regulatory, and policy changes to complete and fund lead line replacement work by 2030 effectively and efficiently, including draft language, when appropriate.

Requirement (D), above, also shall include:

- (i) Costs for recommendations identified for (B) and (C), above;
- (ii) A separate list of unfunded agency costs identified in the spending proposal, including the number of unfunded FTEs, by agency and the FTEs' anticipated responsibilities.

Background: Enabling Legislation

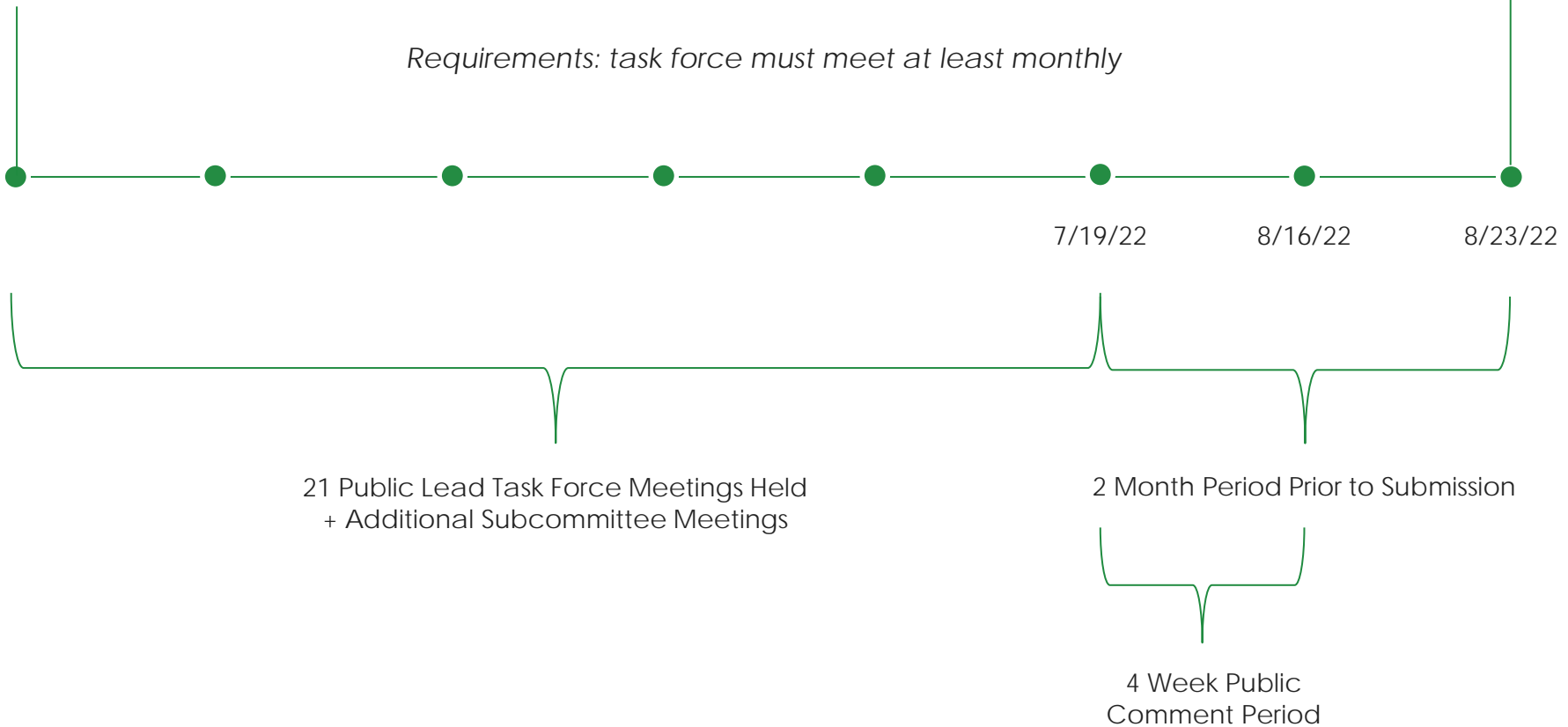
Draft Plan: At least two months before transmitting the Plan to the Council, the Task Force shall make a draft version of the Plan available to the Mayor, the Council, and the public. The Task Force shall accept public comments on the report for at least 4 weeks following the plan being made public.

Background: Timeline

November 4, 2021
First Meeting

August 23, 2022
Report Due

Requirements: task force must meet at least monthly



Identified Barriers and Solutions

1. Barrier: Low rate of participation for full lead service line replacement

Proposed Solution(s):

- *Mandate for Lead Service Line Replacement*
- *Expansive public education campaign*
- *Simplified communications materials*

2. Barrier: Identification of all lead service lines in the District

Proposed Solution(s):

- *Adopt the definition established in District Law for the inventory*
- *Fund and establish a team at DC Water to update the inventory*
- *Prioritize pipe identification in areas with elevated blood lead levels*
- *Update the LSL map on an ongoing basis*

Identified Barriers and Solutions

3. Barrier: Confusing and inefficient patchwork of LSL replacement programs

Proposed Solution(s):

- Streamline programs and implement policy to facilitate DC Water-initiated replacements

4. Barrier: Customer lack of understanding of the risk of lead pipes and customer refusal to replace lead pipes

Proposed Solution(s):

- Public education

5. Barrier: Concerns about property restoration

Proposed Solution(s):

- Please provide input

6. Barrier: The consent agreement is complex and intimidating

Proposed Solution(s):

- Please provide input

Task Force Recommendation Highlights

1. Homeowner participation should be incentivized and homeowner refusals should be reduced through a District mandate for public and private lead service line replacements by 2030. This mandate should be paired with a coordinated education campaign with equitable and timely outreach.
2. The project prioritization criteria should be simplified to better address priority communities and vulnerable populations.
3. There should be sufficient funding in order to minimize the cost to the homeowner.
4. Transparency and effective public participation should be maintained as the District and DC Water implement the program. The program should maintain enough flexibility to adapt to evolving regulatory conditions and program needs.

Public Comment and Feedback

The Task Force requests public comment and feedback on all aspects of the plan, including specifically:

- Equitable enforcement procedures if a mandate were to be implemented.
- A framework to ensure transparency and public participation during the implementation and execution of the 2030 goal.
- Identification of other District agencies or partners who are not specifically listed in the report.
- Recommendations for legislative language.

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More information

For more information on the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/3cHi2pY>

Written comments may be submitted to leadline.replacement@dc.gov through midnight EST on August 16, 2022.