

Who's digging up the street? New Nashville website lets you know

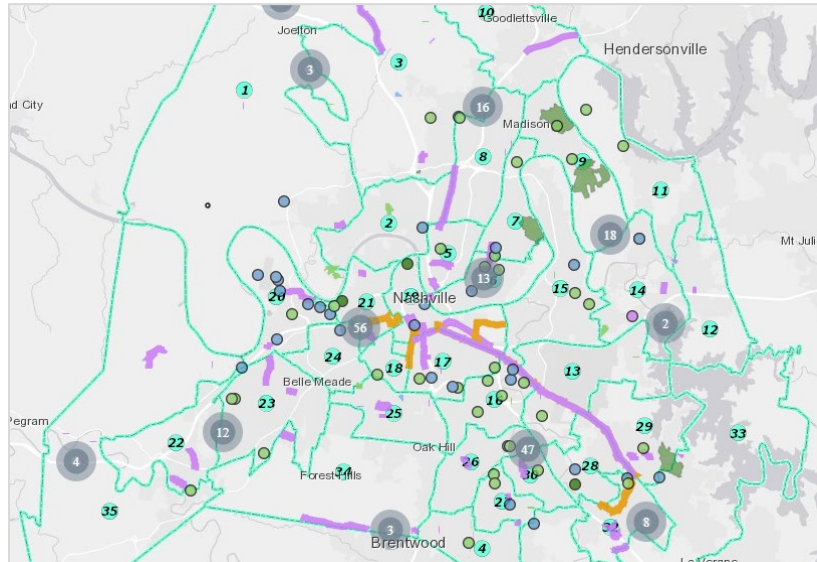
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Residents interested in road, sidewalk and sewer construction in their neighborhoods can now conveniently find details on a new Metro Nashville mapping site.

NashDigs lists the type of work underway at ongoing public works, water services, and information technology infrastructure projects. It also provides estimated time frames for the construction.

While it is accessible to the public, the tool was created to coordinate construction work across utility agencies.



"The problem we were looking to solve is (for example): When someone paves a road, then three weeks later, water services does a water-main project," said Keith Durbin, Metro's chief information officer. "We wanted to make sure departments know what's going on, so you save money doing things one time and don't disturb the community as much."

Stormwater ditch excavations, pedestrian bridges, roadway paving and new sidewalks, are among the more than 100 projects listed on the site, at nashdigs.nashville.gov.

Each listing includes a link to a page to submit additional questions about the work.

Nashville Electric Service and Piedmont Natural Gas may soon also add their work to the site, Durbin said.

"The goal is to be comprehensive so people know what's happening," Durbin said.

To that end, the city's Information Technology Services department is working on a revamped Metro Nashville website that will debut in late 2019.

"We have begun a complete reworking of Nashville.gov," Durbin said. "Mapping is a really common request because of the visual approach."