

# \$1M needed to fix failed water line on Cokesbury Road



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Vehicles make their way through standing water on Cokesbury Road in Greenwood on Friday after a water line failed for the third time in a month. Officials plan to spend \$1 million on repairs.

A million-dollar fix is on the way for a troublesome water line along one of Greenwood's heaviest traveled roads.

On Monday, Commissioners of Public Works Manager Steve Reeves said officials hope to use \$1 million from a 2014 bond to replace a mile-long length of pipe on Cokesbury Road within the next several months.

"It's an old line and it's made out of asbestos cement, which is not the best product ever put out in the water industry," Reeves said. "I think it's finally the age catching up with it."

Reeves said the pipe is about 60 years old. He hopes the work can go to bid within a couple of months and be completed by the fall.

On Friday, vehicles on both sides of Highway 246 were directed by a sheriff's deputy after the pipe gave way again, covering the roadway in water and slowing down traffic.

That followed two incidents last month -- first on May 2 and then on May 18 -- that CPW issued boil water advisories in response to breaks along the line. Following the second one, Reeves said workers installed a valve on the main line that isolated the problem.

The commission meets Thursday, where Reeves said he'll outline the situation and request the allocation.

"Once we get the details, we'll take a look at it," Commissioner Michael Monaghan said.

Reeves said his department had earlier identified the problem, but the recent failures have put it on a fast-track toward completion. The new pipe, he added, would be made out of PVC or some other type of malleable material.

"It's not just something you can run out and do tomorrow, but we are going to get started on engineering and design. We've had it on the back burner for some time, but we've moved it up to a higher priority," Reeves said.



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Water pools near a drainage ditch off Cokesbury Road in Greenwood on Friday after a utility line failed in the area for the third time since May.

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