Cured in Place Piping Projects (CIPP)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is CIPP piping?
CIPP stands for Cured-in-Place-Pipe. It is a proven method for repairing old and damaged sewer lines without having to dig up the old line, which results in cost and time savings.

What is that smell?
A plastic or glue type smell associated with CIPP comes from the chemical styrene, which is used in the resin of the liner. The odors associated with styrene can be smelled at extremely low levels and although unpleasant, these odors do not pose a health risk.

How do I prevent the smell from coming in my home or business?
To help ensure that odors associated with the CIPP project do not enter your home or business, run each faucet in your home for 10 seconds. This will help ensure that the drain’s p-trap is full of water, which creates a barrier between your service line and the main line. Identify any other floor drains you may have and pour approximately one quart of water down them. Keeping your windows closed while the work is taking place will also help prevent the odors from entering your house.

How will this affect my sewer service/ will there be any service interruption?
While the CIPP project is taking place in your neighborhood, you will be asked limit your indoor water use. This is because your sewer service will be temporarily blocked off from the main line while the pipe is curing. The contractor will inform you of the date and time when this will happen.

Is styrene dangerous?
As with any chemical, the risk factor often depends on exposure volume and time. Several studies have been conducted that indicate the amount of styrene gas generated by the CIPP process is not harmful to your health or the surrounding environment. More information on styrene can be found on the City’s website.

Where can I find more information on the CIPP piping project?
Visit bendoregon.gov/cipp for more information.