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# Excavation work nearly done on Bayonne's 55th Street

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Repairs to a hole on 55th Street in Bayonne have taken longer than anticipated.

It started as a collapsed manhole.

Now several weeks later, officials say the hole in the street at 55th Street and Kennedy Boulevard in **Bayonne** has mushroomed into an estimated \$300,000 repair job.

The job is nearing completion, **Bayonne Municipal Utilities Authority** Executive Director Stephen Gallo said yesterday. In the meantime, barricades continue to block vehicular traffic on 55th Street.

When the manhole problem surfaced, Gallo said the BMUA called in its emergency contractor, Jingoli & Son, of Lawrenceville.

Gallo said the company began to restore the manhole, but in the process discovered that an old clay sewer line below had been compromised.

So the contractor excavated to a 15-foot depth, removed the section of damaged sewer pipe and installed about 300 feet of a new, plastic sewer piping, bypassing the old sewer line, Gallo said.

Sewage service to the nearby homes and businesses was uninterrupted during the excavation, he said, adding work should be finished by today or tomorrow.