



Town of Taos  
**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**WATER TROUBLES CONTINUE**

A fracture in an elbow on the main water delivery system for the Town of Taos under Paseo del Pueblo Sur (approximately at McDonalds) continues to disrupt water pressure throughout the Town of Taos leading to low pressure on the north side of Town and low or no pressure in the south side of Town, depending on how close you are to Paseo del Pueblo.

We are working on the problem but have no timeframe for completion given that fixes to the by-pass have not held and that its removal requires shutting off service again to the main line.

Water was restored to much of the system about midnight but without full pressure water flow did not hold and staff have been tracing the lines throughout the Town looking for additional fractures due to the pressure spike that occurred yesterday. Primary consideration was given to assuring that service to the Holy Cross Hospital and other critical services was not disrupted throughout the event.

Buses for students for the Taos School District have been collecting students this morning but the Town and School District have a plan on stand-by to return students home if we cannot restore service by 9 AM this morning, which is unlikely.

Business and government offices are advised to consider closing or having a "delayed start" till at least noon today to see how repairs develop.

Low pressure toilets will likely not function at all even where some service is restored until full pressure is available.

We will keep everyone informed by email, FaceBook, radio, and the Town Web site as we know more.

Rick Bellis  
Town Manager

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