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South Hadley water main break temporarily kills water service to some 40 homes, reroutes traffic

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SOUTH HADLEY - A water main break closed a section of Route 116 for most of Tuesday morning and left around 40 homes in the surrounding area without water overnight.

The break was likely due to old age, official said, referring to the 12-inch cast iron pipe that burst at around 10:45 p.m. Monday, sending water onto Newton Street (Route 116), between Washington and McKinley avenues, said Water Department Superintendent Jeffrey A. Cyr. The pipe was installed in 1953.

Other than the busted pipe, which was repaired and back in operation by 4 a.m. Tuesday, no damage was reported, and many of the affected residents likely slept through the water outage, he said.

Traffic was detoured around the portion of roadway near the break before reopening at around 11 a.m.

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