

Advice for the Week Ahead:

Marshbank Construction (Marshbank) will occasionally open enough of Park Lane near the intersection of Park Lane and Main Street to allow drivers into the old Antique Mall parking lot. However, in general, drivers should expect that parking lot entrance to be closed until the end of the Project, along with the rest of Park Lane between Lake Street and 3rd Street. Drivers can still enter the parking lot from the narrower driveway on Main Street. Please drive cautiously.

Plates will continue to cover the work area in the intersection between Park Lane and Main Street. Plates are expected to remain for a few more weeks, until the new water main in Park Lane is brought into service and the old water main taken out of service.

Marshbank will occasionally need to close portions of the temporary pedestrian paths in order to explore the existing water services. These closures will generally be temporary, lasting no more than a couple hours. It is impossible to schedule them closely, or provide precise notification to everyone who may be affected, but we will do our best to minimize the inconvenience.

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day. However, Marshbank will be continuing their work on Monday in order to maintain the construction schedule. Calls and emails to the City will be returned on Tuesday, February 17.

For the next few weeks, until the new water service connections are in, Marshbank will need to cut paths into the temporary pedestrian walkways. These cuts will be temporarily patched again, but the walkways will be somewhat more uneven while this work is in progress. Please walk carefully and watch for uneven areas during the next few weeks.

Progress:

Marshbank completed almost all of the construction for the new water main, as well as all new service connections between the main and the meter boxes.

This is a major milestone for the Project, as we can now begin the two-week process that leads to conversion from the old water main to the new one. Once that conversion is complete, a significant area of the construction site will be open to the next phases of work.

Puget Sound Energy also completed all of their utility relocation work in support of the project.

City Project Schedule Update:

Based on the current schedule, the near-future construction activities by the City should include:

Week of February 16 to 20:

The major activity during this week will be the pressure and purity testing of the new water main. Marshbank will continue exploring each of the existing service connections to determine what materials and hardware will need to be on-hand for conversion between the old and new services during the following week. They will also continue with installing the temporary pedestrian lighting system and removing tree root balls that had been tangled with existing service connections.

Week of February 23 to 27:

Marshbank will shift to night work during this week, in order to begin the process of actually converting over water service connections. These conversions will take place when businesses are closed, in order to maintain continuous water supply during each business' hours.

Marshbank will also complete the process of linking the new water main to the existing mains under both Lake Street and Main Street. This will require temporary shutdowns of water along Lake Street and Main Street, between Central Avenue and Kirkland Way. These shutdowns will be performed during the night when affected businesses are closed. Notifications regarding dates of these planned outages will be released by the City next week.

Have a good weekend!