

Puget Sound Energy made substantial progress this week on the relocation of its gas and power lines. Meanwhile, construction on the Park Lane Improvements will accelerate.

Advice for the Week Ahead:

The noise and vibration we warned you about will become more common as crews remove sidewalk and install the water main. Individual business owners have asked our advice about breakables and such, particularly due to the vibration. Marshbank will be doing their best not to rattle the street. However, we encourage everyone to take a look through their business interiors on a daily basis and adjust your property and merchandise as necessary to protect from falling damage.

As you may have seen during the latter part of this past week, Marshbank is ensuring pedestrian access along Park Lane by designating pedestrian paths. This will soon change, however. As soon as Puget Sound Energy completes its work, Marshbank will enclose the construction zone with fencing.

PSE Relocation Work Status Update:

Puget Sound Energy's two contractors will continue relocating utilities in the west block of Park Lane during the week of January 19 to 23. InfraSource, Puget Sound Energy's gas utility contractor, is working in the alley between Cactus and Mi Mexico, while Potelco, the electrical utility contractor, will excavate a trench to move an electrical line that currently crosses Park Lane south of the Lake Street Parking lot. We will continue to coordinate Marshbank's Park Lane Improvements work with Puget Sound Energy's utility relocation work.

City Project Work Status Update:

Good weather and more efficient work altered the schedule we released on Jan. 9. Consequently, some elements of my look-ahead below have changed from the past week.

Assuming our good weather continues to hold up well and Puget Sound Energy's contractors do not encounter complications with their work in the Park Lane west block, the current summary of near-future construction activities by the City include:

Week of January 19 to 23:

- Continue tree removal
- Protective fencing around trees to be protected
- Removal of small features such as benches and the bike rack
- Continue demolition for temporary pedestrian walkways in front of businesses
- Removal of City wireless access points for construction
- Water main construction scheduled to begin in the west block by the latter half of this week

Assuming Puget Sound Energy finishes the electrical relocation work on schedule by Jan. 20 or Jan. 21, you may also see:

- Placement of temporary pedestrian walkways in front of businesses
- Site fencing and temporary pedestrian lighting
- Disconnect and remove street lights.

Week of January 26 to 30:

- Completion of temporary construction features (pedestrian walkways, fences, etc.)
- Continued demolition of sidewalk and street, particularly in the west block
- Continued water main construction

Beginning of individual business water service changes from old to new water main, as they are completed. Typically, these change-overs will happen either at night or in the early morning, so the City and Marshbank can fully test the new connections before you need them during your work day.