

City of Yakima

NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Capitol Hill Irrigation System Improvements
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Irrigation Construction Activities for week of November 23, 2009

Contractor Continues Irrigation System Improvements

TTC Construction, LLC of Yakima, WA will continue construction on the Capitol Hill Irrigation System Improvements on Monday, November 23, 2009.

This project will replace approximately 12,000 linear feet of irrigation main with new 2", 3", 4", 6" and 12" PVC and HDPE irrigation pipe, will install approximately 320 new service connections, and various valves and appurtenances.

The project replaces the existing irrigation main and services in the neighborhoods between South 12th Avenue and South 18th Avenue, from Summitview Avenue to McLaren Street.

For a majority of the project, new PVC pipe will be trenched in-place, replacing the existing irrigation mains. For a small portion of the project, new High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe will be installed by trenchless methods, reducing the need for excavation.

This next week's work will include installation of new irrigation main across South 16th Avenue at West Chestnut Avenue beginning Monday night, November 23rd at 8pm and extending into Tuesday morning, November 24th at 6am. Traffic control and road closure detours will be set up to direct traffic around the area of construction. Work will also include preparation for final paving of West Chestnut Avenue between South 12th Avenue and South 18th Avenue. Paving will take place on Tuesday, November 24th. No work will occur on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th.

During all of the work on this project, construction equipment such as backhoes and dump trucks will be used. Traffic control devices will be used in the areas of construction. Although access may be temporarily restricted in the immediate areas of construction, access will be maintained for surrounding businesses and residents.

The project is expected to be completed prior to the start-up of the irrigation system in April 2010.

Replacement of the existing irrigation pipes will reduce on-going leakage and repairs, annual operating and maintenance costs, and will provide more reliable service to customers.

Funding for the project is provided from the City's Irrigation Capital Improvement budget.

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