



City of Yakima

News Release

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Irrigation System Improvements Nearly Complete

P.O.W. Contracting, Inc., a Pasco-based construction firm, is the primary contractor for an approximately \$980,000 project that has improved the irrigation system in several neighborhoods in Yakima. Work on the West Yakima Irrigation System Phase 2 Improvements project, which began in November of 2014, is nearly complete.

The contractor has completed the installation of all new irrigation mains and services throughout the project area and the system is now operational. Now that local asphalt plants have opened, the contractor will complete the final surface restoration on Summitview Avenue and Cleman Avenue. Asphalt surfacing replacement on Summitview Avenue will include the entire outside westbound lane between North 21st Avenue and North 38th Avenue where trenching took place. Also, final landscape restoration will continue in areas disturbed by installations.

On Wednesday April 15th and Thursday, April 16th, the contractor will be working in Summitview Avenue to lower all of the existing utility structures within the areas to be paved. On Monday April 20th and Tuesday, April 21st, the contractor will complete the asphalt surfacing and then on Wednesday April 22nd and Thursday, April 23rd, the contractor will raise the utility structures. While the paving operations are underway, construction equipment such as backhoes and dump trucks will be used. Traffic control devices will be used throughout the areas of construction and traffic will be routed around the construction. Travel will be restricted to one lane in each direction on Summitview Avenue. Although access may be temporarily restricted in the immediate areas of construction, access to homes and businesses in the project area will be maintained as best as possible.

Approximately 5,130 linear feet of new 3-inch and 4-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe and approximately 7,390 linear feet of new 3-inch to 12-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe was installed. More than 200 new irrigation service connections have also been completed as part of the project.

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

For more information about the project, contact Water/Irrigation Engineer Mike Shane at 576-6480.