

First Avenue S. Rebuild Project: Stacy to Horton

Construction Update

Friday, April 3, 2009

Water Main Progress

Construction crews have nearly completed placing the 24" diameter water main, lacking only a few segments near Lander and Horton Streets and where the new system will tie into the old. Much of this work has taken place at night to minimize traffic impacts, as the large pipe segments are carefully maneuvered into place—often “threaded” through a veritable maze of other underground utilities and shoring devices. See the pictures for some idea of the effort involved.



Crews will be working just north of the Lander Street intersection this weekend, starting Friday (4/3) after 6PM. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on First Avenue, as is normal on the weekend, and left hand turning movements at Lander will still be allowed.



East Side Paving Removal

The pavement on the east side of the street is being removed and trenches are being dug in preparation for connecting existing water service lines and the fire hydrants to the new water main. The actual connections will be made after the new main has been rinsed, flushed, pressure tested and the water quality tested.

Curbs & Sidewalks - Starting between Stacy and Lander

Demolition of the curbs and portions of the sidewalk will begin next week between Stacy and Lander. A walking path will be maintained next to the buildings on the east for access to businesses until after the water services are transferred and new curbs have been poured. This procedure will generally be followed, block by block, moving south in the weeks to come.

Traffic Configuration

All traffic through the construction zone is now on the west side of the street (except for the “weave” to the east at Lander, which will be eliminated before long). Traffic will remain in this configuration until June when it will be shifted to a newly paved and striped east side of the street.

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