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Avista to begin replacing 9.5 miles of natural gas line in Pullman

Replacement project focusing on areas where pipeline is approaching end of service life

SPOKANE, Wash. – March 14, 2018: Avista will begin replacing 9.5 miles of natural gas pipeline in Pullman in April with the work expected to be completed in October. The \$4 million Pullman project is part of the company's 20-year program to replace natural gas pipelines throughout its service area that are approaching the end of service life.

Avista-authorized contractor NPL Construction will be installing the new natural gas pipelines in public right-of-way, streets and alleys in various neighborhoods in Pullman. Roads will remain open in areas where the work is taking place, but drivers should be alert to possible flaggers and lane restrictions. Signs will also be in place where necessary alerting to closed sidewalks and plates on roadway and cautioning motorcyclists to use extreme caution.

Customers directly impacted by the replacement project will receive a letter from Avista in advance of the work starting. Additionally, a NPL crew member will attempt to contact customers as work approaches their home since a short interruption in natural gas service will be required.

"Avista appreciates the patience of customers and the public as we work to maintain and upgrade our natural gas system," said Michael Whitby, Avista Gas Facility Replacement Program Manager.

More information on Avista's gas replacement project is available at myavista.com.

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