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PROJECT UPDATE



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Kirkland staff members are hosting a second Zoom meeting at 7 p.m., June 25 to discuss construction on Goat Hill.

City hosts second meeting to discuss Goat Hill project

WHAT: The City is hosting a second public Zoom meeting at 7 p.m., June 25 to discuss Kirkland’s ongoing effort to reduce flooding and landslide risks on Goat Hill.

Reducing those risks relies directly on the relocation of Puget Sound Energy gas lines, which currently occupy space allocated for the City’s new stormwater system.

Puget Sound Energy’s crews have been working in the evenings and nights to ensure Goat Hill residents always have at least one available access point and to prevent conflicts with Kirkland’s stormwater system contractor.

Puget Sound Energy’s crews are completing the remaining relocations in two phases. The dates of those phase are:

- June 24 - July 25 on Northeast 116th, 117th and 118th places
- July 26 - Aug. 8 on Northeast 117th Place and 90th Avenue Northeast.

TO JOIN THE MEETING: Visit www.kirklandwa.gov/goathill and click on the meeting link.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Puget Sound Energy will continue to work in the evenings and nights. It is planning to begin work each day at 5 p.m., instead of 7 p.m. This will allow the utility provider to employ two crews for a few hours, which will expedite progress.

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City staff answers questions about Goat Hill project

How are Puget Sound Energy and the City of Kirkland mitigating disruptions to residents?

After receiving feedback from the Goat Hill community during the June 25 meeting, the City of Kirkland agreed to schedule Puget Sound Energy's night work between 3 p.m. and midnight each day. In addition, PSE's night work permit requires its contractor to complete most loud tasks earlier in the day.

Can the City delay its stormwater project until Puget Sound Energy has completed its utility relocation project?

Not without creating challenges for Goat Hill residents and the project budget. Delaying the stormwater project until Puget Sound Energy finishes relocating its gas lines would almost certainly delay repaving the street until spring, forcing residents to travel along damaged roads during winter. Also, delaying a capital project that is within the contracted schedule would require that the contractor be compensated for unproductive working days and re-mobilization.

Why did Kirkland decide to allow night construction?

Kirkland's public works director used her legal authority to ensure the Goat Hill stormwater drainage project is successful by approving Puget Sound Energy's request for

night work.

This decision eliminated the probability of a fatal conflict between the two contractors that would have stymied progress for both the gas line relocation and the stormwater upgrade and significantly reduced residents' access to Goat Hill.

Puget Sound Energy needs to relocate its gas lines before Kirkland's contractor can build the Goat Hill stormwater system. Those gas lines occupy the space dedicated to the stormwater system. To put it simply, Kirkland's contractor has no place to put the stormwater system if Puget Sound Energy doesn't move its gas lines.

When were the residents consulted about the construction schedule options?

The City of Kirkland hosted public Zoom meetings on May 30 and June 25. Unfortunately, due to a variety of factors, the City was not able to provide adequate notice to residents. Typically, the City provides at least a week's notice to residents about an upcoming meeting.

Will the City repave the roadway after the

stormwater project is completed?

Yes. Kirkland's project involves both stormwater improvements and road paving. Kirkland's contractor is on-track to repave the roadway in fall before the October paving deadline.

Puget Sound Energy provided the image below. To learn more, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/goathill.

