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Public Works News Release

Upcoming Water Line and Hydrant Work

The City of Bishop expects to start the construction of water line and fire hydrants on Hanby Avenue, May Street, Willow Street, and intersecting streets about the beginning of April. The improvements will replace old and small pipes prone to leaks with new larger pipe that can carry far more water for fire protection. Water line construction on Hanby will be done first to be ready for the Hanby Pavement Reconstruction project which will start in May.

Old deteriorated fire hydrants will be replaced and new hydrants will be constructed at most intersections along Hanby and May as part of the work. The new hydrants will make it easier and faster for the fire department to put out fires. For some property owners, the additional fire hydrants should also reduce insurance costs. Since parking is not allowed within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, the addition of hydrants will impact parking to some degree. The new hydrants are anticipated to be on the west side of Hanby and the north side of May. Most of the locations for the new hydrants were marked with paint on the street in the fall and are still visible.

The water line construction will include new water services to most properties adjacent to the construction. The project is funded from city water funds so there will be no direct cost to affected properties. Water shutoffs lasting up to several hours will be necessary during construction. Construction will require trenches in the street so traffic impacts should be anticipated.

The exact limits of construction will depend on construction bids. The project will probably include the full length of Hanby and May, Willow between Whitney Alley and High, Rose between Willow and Pine, and High, Bush, and Second between May and Pine.

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