Project Overview: EW-0176

The 2009 Water Main Replacement project is part of an annual program to replace aging water mains that are at the end of their lifecycle and require upgrades. The 2009-2010 project consists of removing and replacing 2.5 blocks of 1928 cast iron pipe along 12th Street from McKenzie Avenue to Old Fairhaven Parkway and two blocks along Cowgill from 10th to 12th streets. After the pipe is replaced, pavement resurfacing from Mill Avenue to the Padden Creek bridge will complete the project. Concrete will be placed in the heavily used bus stop segment. Minor sewer rehabilitation will take place as manholes are repaired. See the construction flyer for additional information.

Update - September 2011

Accomplishments: Completed the second surfacing of the failed asphalt, and contractor completed raising iron to grade and pavement markings. Final walk through inspection held on 8/4/11. Completed punch list and close out.

Next Milestones:

Affected Neighborhoods

For current road restrictions and closures, visit our home page.

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Project Details

- Status - Completed
• Contract Awarded - 5/24/10
• Contract Amount - $921,145.70
• Contractor - RAM Construction
• Completion Date: 8/26/11
• Final Contract Amount: $1,314,659.39
Construction July - Oct. 2010

What to Expect

• Roads will be reduced to one lane

• Allow extra time when traveling through the construction zone

• Ram Construction will provide notice 24 hours prior to short-term service disruptions and resurfacing

• Reduced parking in construction area

• Bus stops temporarily relocated

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A public works project -- judging from the size of the pipes going in, it's the laying of 6" water pipe, water from Lake Padden. The man on the left is John Marsh, Assistant Fire Chief in the Bellingham Fire Department (the original BFD Station No. 2 was in the former Fairhaven City Hall about a block over on Donovan Ave.). If you were taking a photo in this spot today you'd be standing in the parking lot outside what is now Banner Bank with the building behind you, though I recall my hours there as being in the Fairhaven Laundry! The Imperial City House (named after Great Northern Railroad baron JJ Hill's famous reference to Fairhaven as the "Imperial City") is long gone and the site has a house (1500 12th Street) on it that has been converted into the office of Dr. Craig Moore, MD.

--Jeff Jewell
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