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Grand Avenue Park Bridge to be placed in late September

West Marine View Drive to close up to 10 days in second half of September

EVERETT, WA – Everett has received notification of a track closure window from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) for the raising and placing of the Grand Avenue Park Bridge span. The bridge is scheduled to go into place during the last week of September.

With this notice, the City’s contractor, Interwest Construction Inc. (ICI), can now mobilize its specialized lifting and moving sub-contractor to the site and begin the process of building the large lifting towers in advance of closing West Marine View Drive (WMVD). This roadway will be closed, from 13th to 18th Streets, for up to 10 days during the second half of September for ICI to build the lifting towers in the roadway and prepare to lift and move the bridge span.

“We are fortunate to be part of Everett’s history in the making,” said Heather Griffin, project manager. “It has taken a lot of effort on the part of the City and its many project partners to get to this point, and we all look forward to accomplishing this milestone.”

WMVD will be closed, from 13th to 18th Streets, for up to 10 days in the last half of September. Despite the closure, there will be continuous access to all parts of the waterfront.

Placement of the bridge is completely dependent on BNSF’s approval of a train-free window. BNSF makes their decisions based on the needs of their freight network, and the timing of the window is subject to change depending on the railroad’s needs.

The bridge will carry storm drainage and sewer pipelines across a steep slope, BNSF railroad tracks and West Marine View Drive. It will replace deteriorated underground pipelines on landslide-prone slopes, and make the pipelines more accessible for inspection and maintenance. The bridge will also provide pedestrian access from Grand Avenue Park to the waterfront.

More information about the Grand Avenue Park Bridge project, including the latest images and navigation resources, can be found on the project page everettwa.gov/gapb.

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