

PG&E to Upgrade Natural Gas Lines in Petaluma

PETALUMA, Calif.— Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) is enhancing the safety and reliability of its natural gas system in Sonoma County. As part of PG&E's Pipeline Replacement Program, the company is replacing gas distribution lines that run through downtown Petaluma, starting Monday, February 24, with pre-construction work starting today, February 18. Drivers and pedestrians in some areas should expect traffic delays for the next couple of months.

PG&E gas crews and PG&E contract crews will be working, in phases, starting at the intersection of 2nd and D Streets working South to Rovina Lane.

For the safety of the public and workers, there will be some detours and lane closures throughout the duration of the project. Some streets may be condensed from two-lanes to one-lane. To aid drivers through the construction zone, PG&E has hired contractors for traffic management.

Starting Monday, February 24, work will happen Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. Residents and businesses in the area received letters and automated phone calls, in addition to in-person canvassing.

Here are the work zones, in order:

- On 2nd Street from D to H Streets;
- H Street between 2nd and Petaluma Boulevard South;
- Petaluma Boulevard South from H Street to just South to Rovina Lane

Crews may need to release natural gas from the pipeline for each project and will follow all necessary safety requirements. This is also called venting the line. As PG&E purges gas from the line, the smell of natural gas and the sound of venting may be noticeable. The natural gas released during venting will quickly dissipate into the atmosphere and will not be harmful. However, PG&E encourages anyone who has concerns about natural gas odors in or around their home or business to call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.

Gas service to some customers in the area will be impacted. They will receive notice from PG&E several days in advance. Barring inclement weather or other factors, work will be complete by the end of September.

For more information on PG&E's gas safety programs, visit www.pge.com/gassafety and click on "Safety Initiatives".

About PG&E

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