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Re: State highway pole-relocation program

state highway **POLE-RELOCATION PROGRAM** ▶▶▶

Puget Sound Energy is working to improve public safety and electric reliability by relocating power poles farther away from state roadways. This effort is part of Washington State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, established in 2013, which focuses on decreasing traffic fatalities and injuries.

The Washington State Department of Transportation has established the highway "control zone"—an area adjacent to the roadway that should be free of obstructions to decrease the likelihood of cars coming into contact with objects in the area.



Highway 534

As part of this effort, PSE will relocate several poles along Highway 534, while at the same time, replacing the aging copper wire with tree wire. By installing tree wire in other locations, we have helped reduce power outages related to falling tree branches by up to 70 percent. Our crews will do their best to reduce impacts to nearby neighbors. Please see below for project details.

Who: Electric crews from PSE and Potelco, vegetation crews from Asplundh

What: Relocating utility poles and replacing the current overhead electric wire with tree wire

When: Starting mid-August and expected to last approximately three months

- Project duration could vary based on weather and crew assignments
- Work hours are typically Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Section of Highway 534 from Highway 9 west to I-5

What you can expect

- In preparation for this work, you may see trees and brush being trimmed along the project route.
- Signs and traffic control flaggers will guide vehicles SAFELY through the work zone.
- Work will periodically close certain sections of the highway, requiring a detour. Crews will do their best to accommodate local access during these times.
- **Some customers may experience a temporary interruption of power during this time. We will notify those customers directly impacted ahead of time.**

For more information on PSE's State Highway Pole Relocation and Safety Improvement Program, please visit pse.com/controlzone. For more information on the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan—Target Zero—please visit targetzero.com.

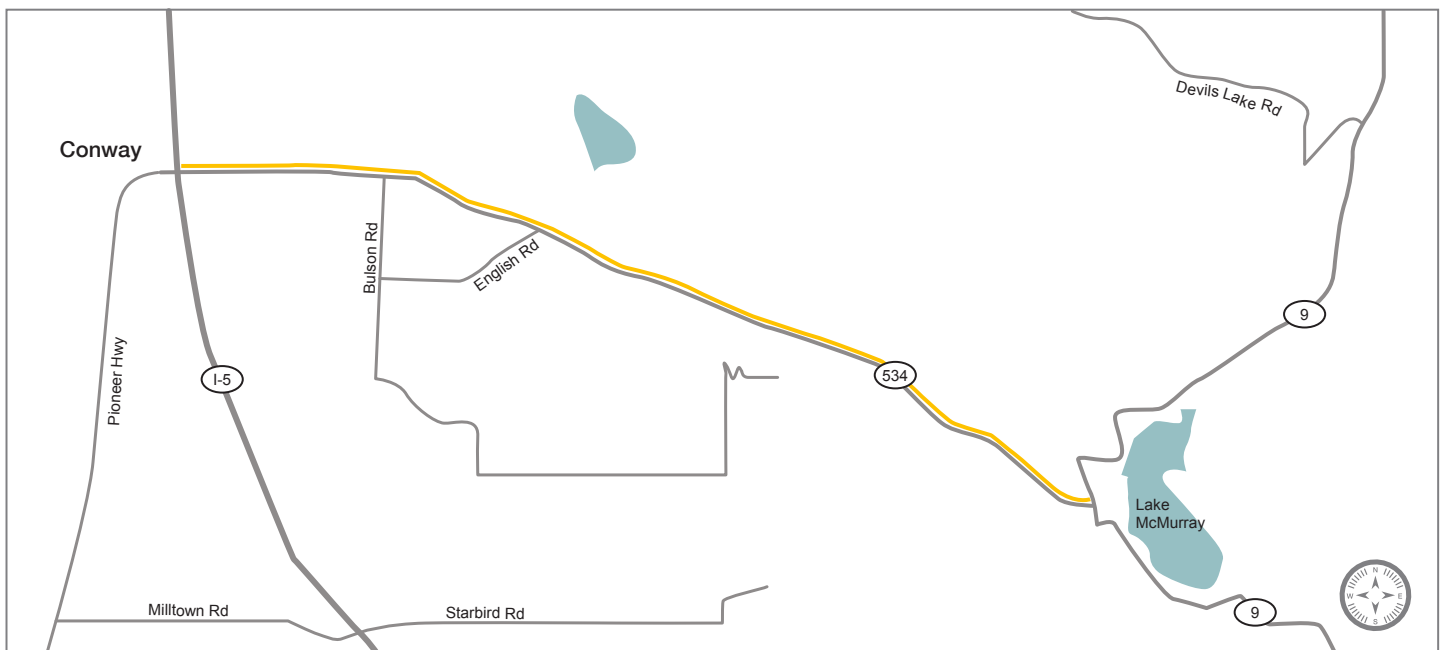
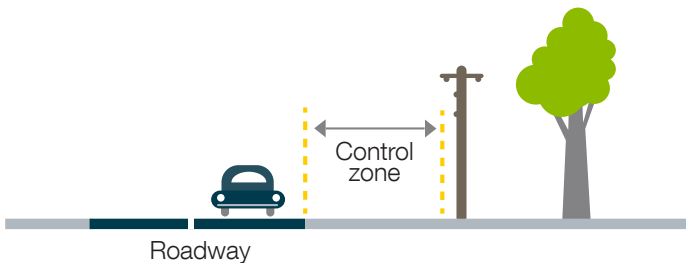
If you have any questions or concerns **regarding this project**, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

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