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New Pipe Inspection Camera Leads to Important Discoveries

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—The new pipe inspection system, approved by the City Council last year, has led to the discovery of several crucial problems that are nearly impossible to detect by usual methods. These include multiple utility crossings, a water main break and damaged storm pipe segments in need of immediate repair. Following the discovery of these issues, the Public Works Department made repairs, coordinated with other utility providers or contracted to Engineering Services Department to make repairs as required.

Using the new system, inspections are carried out first with a jetting crew that cleans sewer and storm water conveyance pipes with high-pressure water. Then the TV crew sends the robotic camera down into the underground pipes via manholes or catch basins. The camera is extremely rugged and built to function in this harsh environment to provide high quality video images, enabling staff to pinpoint problem areas.

In the first three months of operation, the Public Works Department has focused on inspecting pipe underneath 52nd, 230th, 212th, 244th and 228th in preparation for major street and water main construction projects scheduled for this year. These preliminary inspections can reduce the need to dig up new pavement later by including needed repairs in the scope of work for these projects now.

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