

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Spring is a time of change, and that goes for this project too. This first phase of construction has been focused on putting the supporting structure in place for the actual reservoir: stabilizing the hillside, building shoring walls and installing and replacing utilities. The next phase will include drilling shafts and filling them with rebar and concrete to support the new reservoir and provide seismic stability, pouring the slab for the underground reservoir, building the structure, and installing the compressible inclusion. The change in construction focus means activity at the site will change slightly.

Beginning April 1, 2018 SW Sherwood and SW Sacajawea will reopen. The construction team will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to develop a new traffic control plan for the reopening of SW Sherwood and SW Sacajawea and to return SW Lewis and Clark to its typical traffic direction. Even though the roads will be reopened to vehicle traffic, not all pedestrian paths and parking areas will be reopened. Stay tuned for more information; we will be sharing the new plan as soon as it is available. Also, please keep in mind that scheduling can be impacted by weather and other unforeseen events. If this schedule changes for any reason, we will post that information here as soon as possible, and send it out via an email update.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to www.portlandoregon.gov/water/wpreservoirs.

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Benson Bubblers**, the iconic Portland drinking fountains, were installed in 1912 by Simon Benson, who was a lumber baron, civic leader and notable teetotaler. Local lore suggests that one day while walking through his mill, Benson noticed the smell of beer on his workers' breath. When he asked why they were drinking in the middle of the day, they replied there was no fresh drinking water to be found downtown. Upon hearing this, Benson spent \$10,000 commissioning 20 elegant fresh water drinking fountains. Claims of a 49% decline in beer sales were reported after the fountains were installed. The city still maintains 52 Benson Bubblers that follow the original design. (Visit the project webpage to see a photo of a Bubbler.)

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