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PG&E crews will begin replacing about 400 feet of natural gas pipe with plastic pipe in a three-to-four week project that will begin in Roseville this week. Paul Moreno, PG&E spokesman, was quoted.

PG&E to Begin Gas Line Repair on Cirby

By Toby Lewis

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Pacific Gas & Electric plans to begin construction this week to replace about 400 feet of natural gas pipe in the westbound lanes of Cirby Way.

Work will occur at night, with traffic controls in place from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., according to **PG&E spokesman Paul Moreno**.

“We are still working on details on work days and lane closures,” Moreno said.

Moreno said the work was scheduled to begin Tuesday evening, but was delayed because of rain in the forecast. It will likely begin Wednesday evening, he said.

The project will take about three to four weeks to replace the plastic pipeline from the northeast corner of Riverside Avenue and Cirby Way to 400 feet east in the westbound lanes of Cirby Way, Moreno said.

PG&E crews will be working to replace a section of plastic pipe that was leaking natural gas and resulted in a fire last week.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, but Jeff Carman of the Roseville Fire Department speculated that it was likely sparked by a passing car.

“It was probably just a little flame and then progressed,” Carman said. “The guy probably

didn't even know he did it, probably never looked in the rearview mirror.”

The fire burned in the westbound lanes of Cirby Way for nearly eight hours.

The plastic pipe in question was in use from the mid 1960s to the mid 1980s, and **PG&E** said it stopped using Aldyl-A pipes when a better plastic was developed, according to a statement released by the City of Roseville.

According to Interim Roseville Fire Chief Wynn Latta, **PG&E** will work with the fire department to identify where that kind of pipe is located throughout the city

“They are going to have their people monitoring it,” Latta said. “We’ll know in the event that we start getting this kind of stuff, what it is attributed to.”

Meanwhile, **PG&E** officials plan to address the public Wednesday evening at the next city council meeting, Moreno said.

“We’ll be talking about the gas line replacement work we’re doing along Cirby Way over the next few weeks and how we’ll continue to keep the city informed about our progress on the line and investigation,” Moreno said.