Thank you for your interest in the Center City Connector Streetcar. In this weekly update, you’ll find information about utility construction, planned water shutdowns, current lane closures, and permanent parking removal.

What to expect starting January 8

UTILITY CONSTRUCTION
Crews working on S Jackson St and 1st Ave S will continue with saw cutting and begin pavement removal and excavation. They will also begin installation of the temporary water main. The temporary water main will soon run along the curb and connect to buildings on both sides of 1st Ave S between S Jackson St and Yesler Way and on a small section of S Jackson St (see construction map). Please expect typical construction impacts such as increased dust, noise, vibration, and truck activity.

LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES ON 1ST AVE S AND ON S JACKSON ST
Northbound lanes on 1st Ave S are closed between S Jackson St and Yesler Way while we relocate and replace utilities. Closing both northbound lanes allows space for crews to perform the work safely and efficiently. This also protects the London Plane trees in the center median. We’ll keep intersections and a southbound lane open during the day, with intermittent closures at night and on weekends. Northbound 1st Ave S is detoured at S Jackson St.

- A signed detour routes those who turn west from 1st Ave S onto S Jackson St to Alaskan Way S, reconnecting with 1st Ave at Yesler Way
- A signed detour routes those who turn east from 1st Ave S to 4th Ave S

We’ve also closed the westbound lane on S Jackson St from 2nd Ave S to 1st Ave S. Local access is available by way of Occidental Ave S (see construction map). S Jackson St is detoured at 2nd Ave S.

The First Hill Streetcar’s stop at Occidental Mall will remain open during this work.

We anticipate that these lane closures will continue for about 6 months.
FIRST WATER SHUTDOWN PLANNED FOR LATE JANUARY

Some customers located between S King and S Washington streets and from Alaskan Way to 2nd Ave Extension can expect their first water shutdown in late January as a part of the required utility work for the Center City Connector Streetcar project.

Over the next several weeks, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will reach out to businesses and building managers to determine the least disruptive day and time to turn off the water for the various types of businesses in the area that will be impacted. The shutdown is expected to last 8 to 10 hours while SPU crews connect the temporary water main to the water system.

We’ll continue to share the latest information on our webpage and in the weekly email update. You can also check out our water shutdown FAQs and map for more details about water shutdowns. Information about future water shutdowns will be shared as they are scheduled.

Questions or concerns about this work? Reach us at our 24-hr hotline, (206) 400-7578, or by emailing us at: centercitystreetcar@seattle.gov

PERMANENT REMOVAL OF PARKING

You may have noticed parking has been permanently removed along both sides of 1st Ave S between S Jackson St and Yesler Way. This is to allow space for dedicated streetcar lanes, while also accommodating walking, biking, deliveries, and through traffic.

We’re committed to helping people park efficiently. This project includes funding for DowntownSeattleParking.com, a program that makes it easy to find available off-street parking, lowers rates (some as low as $3/hour), and provides directions so that downtown visitors can park in a garage and get to their destination easily on the streetcar.

Other work in the area

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and Seattle City Light (SCL) are also conducting work in the area.
The Center City Connector will connect the 2 existing streetcar lines to move more people downtown to live, work, shop, and play. For more info or questions about construction, contact us at centercitystreetcar@seattle.gov or our 24/7 hotline, (206) 400-7578.

For more information about the project, please visit our website.

To forward this update to others who may be interested in the project, please click here.

Thank you!

Center City Connector Streetcar project team