Thank you for your interest in the Center City Connector Streetcar. In this weekly update, you’ll find information about ongoing construction for the 1st phase of utility work in Pioneer Square.

**Update on reopening 1st Ave to traffic and on-street parking**
We previously announced that we expected to reopen northbound 1st Ave S between S Jackson St and S Washington St to traffic by the end of July. Because of continued unexpected utility conflicts encountered at S Main St, however, we now anticipate reopening 1st Ave S from S Jackson St to S Washington St in August.

SDOT is temporarily returning on-street parking on 1st Ave S while the Center City Connector Streetcar status is being decided. We anticipate this occurring first from S Jackson St to S Washington St on a block-by-block basis after the contractor finishes the paving work. In the next few weeks, you may see crews installing signs and pay stations in preparation for the return of on-street parking. We will continue to consult with the Alliance for Pioneer Square and local businesses on parking plans.

**Utility construction in Pioneer Square:**
**What to expect the week of July 22**

**1ST AVE S FROM S JACKSON ST TO S MAIN ST**
- Crews will continue installing storm drainage structures and piping at the intersection of S Main St and 1st Ave S. This work requires pavement breaking, sawcutting, and vacuum excavation.
- Expect noise and vibration, as well as typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

**1ST AVE S FROM S MAIN ST TO S WASHINGTON ST**
- Crews will continue installing storm drainage structures and piping at the intersection of S Main St and 1st Ave S. This work requires pavement breaking, sawcutting, and vacuum excavation.
- Expect noise and vibration, as well as typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

**1ST AVE S FROM S WASHINGTON ST TO YESLER WAY**
• Crews will begin grading the roadway in preparation for paving
• Expect noise and vibration, as well as typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

1ST AVE FROM YESLER WAY TO CHERRY ST

• Crews will continue pavement breaking and excavating as they work to install a new water main along 1st Ave and a side water main on Cherry St
• Crews will install a new water main through the intersection of 1st Ave and Cherry St. While crews are working, access to Cherry St will be closed at 1st Ave from 7 AM to 5 PM. This closure will start as soon as Monday, July 23, and last up to 1 week.
• Starting as soon as the end of the week, crews may begin work on the west side of 1st Ave between Cherry St and Yesler Way. This work requires southbound lane closures between Cherry St and Yesler Way from 9 AM to 3 PM. Access to the Diamond Parking lot will be available from Post Ave during this closure.
• Expect noise and vibration, as well as typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

1ST AVE FROM CHERRY ST TO COLUMBIA ST

• Crews will continue pavement breaking and excavating as they work to install a new water main along 1st Ave and a side water main on Cherry St
• Crews will install a new water main through the intersection of 1st Ave and Cherry St. While crews are working, the eastbound lanes on Cherry St will be closed at 1st Ave from 7 AM to 5 PM. This closure will start as soon as Friday, July 20, and last up to 1 week.
• Expect noise and vibration, as well as typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

ONGOING TRAFFIC LANE RESTRICTIONS, STREET CLOSURES, AND OTHER IMPACTS

• Temporary closures of southbound 1st Ave S between Cherry St and S Jackson St will occur intermittently for the rest of summer
• Northbound 1st Ave lane closures:
  ◦ We previously announced that we expected to reopen northbound 1st Ave S between S Jackson St and S Washington St to traffic by the end of July. Because of continued unexpected utility conflicts encountered at S Main St, however, we now anticipate reopening 1st Ave S from S Jackson St to S Washington St in August. We thank you for your patience as we complete this work.
Northbound 1st Ave S between S Washington St and Yesler Way will remain closed until installation of the new water main and drainage is complete at the 1st Ave and Yesler Way intersection this fall.
Northbound 1st Ave is closed between Yesler Way and Columbia St 24 hours per day. This long-term closure is accompanied by a southbound curb lane closure between Columbia St and Yesler Way.

- Intermittent lane closures on S Main St and S Washington St for water main and drainage construction.
- Construction staging will remain on the north side of S Main St, west of 1st Ave S, with an additional staging area located on the south side of James St, between Yesler Way and 2nd Ave.
- Parking removal along both sides of 1st Ave between S Jackson St and Marion St.
- Long-term temporary parking and load zone restrictions:
  - On the north and south sides of S Main St just east of 1st Ave S
  - In the yellow-striped load zone on the north side of S Washington St just east of 1st Ave S
  - In the red-striped no parking zone on the north side of S Washington St just west of 1st Ave S
- Typical construction hours are 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Saturday. Construction-related noise may be heard as early as 6:30 AM as crews refuel equipment and begin staging for the day.
- Expect occasional night and weekend work.
- Expect typical construction impacts such as increased dust, noise, vibration, and truck activity.
**Other nearby work**

*AREAWAY REPAIR ON THE WEST SIDE OF 1ST AVE BETWEEN COLUMBIA AND MARION STREETS*

The Seattle Department of Transportation is repairing an underground areaway adjacent to the Colman Building on the west side of 1st Ave near Marion St. Areaways are cavities that were created when the grade level of the street was changed, and typically sidewalks are over the areaways. The areaway foundation walls have deteriorated over time and need repair to prevent them from failing.

Anticipated construction impacts include:

- This work, which began on May 29, is anticipated to last approximately 3 months
- Typical construction hours are 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday
- 24/7 temporary closure of the western lane of southbound 1st Ave from Marion St to mid-block of 1st Ave between Marion St and Columbia St for the duration of the areaway repair
- Temporary sidewalk impacts at the southwest corner of 1st Ave and Marion St
- The width of the sidewalk from the UPS store to the north end of the Starbucks Coffee shop will be temporarily reduced for the duration of this construction
- Increased dust, noise, vibration and truck activity
- Access to businesses will be maintained at all times
WORK BY PUGET SOUND ENERGY ALONG COLUMBIA ST

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is working to install 520 feet of intermediate pressure (IP) natural gas pipeline along Columbia St, between 1st Ave and the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Permitted work hours are 9 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Saturday.

Completed work:

- Crews have installed mains along a majority of the route
- Temporary paving between Post Ave and Alaskan Way Viaduct

Upcoming work:

- Testing and purging of the new pipeline at 1st Ave, Western Ave, and the Alaskan Way Viaduct
- Backfilling trenches along the route
- Temporary paving activities continue along Columbia St between 1st Ave and Post Ave
- Tie-ins to connect the pipeline at 1st Ave, Western Ave, and the Alaskan Way Viaduct

The new pipeline will ensure a safe and reliable natural gas supply to support decommissioning of the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

Please subscribe here to receive weekly construction updates from PSE about the natural gas pipeline project.

Visit www.pse.com/seattlecore or call the PSE hotline at 1-888-404-8773 for more information.

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