



CENTER CITY CONNECTOR STREETCAR

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.

Crews working this weekend

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 AND 12, FROM 8 AM TO 9 PM

Crews will be working this weekend along 1st Ave between Yesler Way and Columbia St. Weekend work hours are from 8 AM to 9 PM. Construction-related noise may be heard as early as 7 AM as crews refuel equipment and begin staging for the day. During this work, crews will cut and cap the existing water main and continue installing new water services. Water shutoffs for the cut and cap have been coordinated in advance with property owners and will impact the block along 1st Ave between Cherry and Columbia streets. Please refer to the water shutdown section below for information on what to expect after the shutdown. As crews complete this work, please expect:

- Noise from pipe-cutting and the use of generators, air compressors, and an excavator
- Typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

Upcoming water shutdown

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

A long water shutdown, to hook up portions of the new water main, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 26. Customers located on the following streets will be impacted:

- 1st Ave S from S Washington St to Yesler Way
- 1st Ave from Cherry St to Marion St
- Yesler Way from 2nd Ave to Alaskan Way
- Cherry St from 1st Ave to 2nd Ave

Please note: Shutdown times have not been finalized. SPU will coordinate in advance with building managers and representatives who will be asked to share the shutdown information with their tenants. If you're unsure of whether a water shutdown will occur in your building, please contact your property owner or their representative.

What to expect after the shutdown: When you turn your water on for the first time after the shutdown, you may notice that it's temporarily discolored. If this happens, run the cold water for a few minutes. If the water doesn't clear, let it sit for 1 to 2 hours and run it again.

If the discoloration doesn't go away or you experience other problems with your water service, please call SPU's 24-hour Operations Response Center at (206) 386-1800. Calling SPU is the best way for customers to report a water issue and have it addressed.

Utility construction in Pioneer Square: What to expect the week of August 12

For the next few weeks, please expect extended work hours of 7 AM to 7 PM. These extended work hours are necessary for us to complete our work.

1ST AVE S FROM S MAIN ST TO S WASHINGTON ST

- Crews plan to pave the intersection of 1st Ave and S Washington St
- Expect construction impacts such as odor from hot asphalt and increased noise, vibration, dust, truck activity, and exhaust

1ST AVE S FROM S WASHINGTON ST TO YESLER WAY

- Crews are installing storm drainage structures on the north and south sides of S Washington St, east of 1st Ave S, approximately halfway between 1st Ave S and

Pioneer Passage alley. This work requires pavement breaking, sawcutting, and vacuum excavation. After the storm drainage structures are installed, crews will grade and pave the area. The contractor will attempt to maintain two-way traffic on S Washington St during this work; however, there may be times when the street is closed to traffic.

- Crews plan to install catch basins on 1st Ave S, north of S Washington St. This work requires some pavement breaking.
- Expect construction impacts such as odor from hot asphalt and increased noise, vibration, 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 new water services along 1st Ave and along Cherry St
- Crews will 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 5 PM. Access to the Diamond Parking lot will be available from Post Ave during this closure.
- Crews will continue working at the north end of Pioneer Square Park to renew water services. This work requires a partial closure of the park and a pedestrian detour in order to install pipe from 2 buildings to the water main on 1st Ave S.
- Expect noise and vibration, as well as typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

On-street parking spots continue to open

Parking has been restored along 1st Ave between S Jackson and S Main streets. We'll add parking along 1st Ave S between S Main St and S Washington St after the contractor finishes the paving work.

The restored parking includes restrictions during morning and afternoon commute times. As noted on the signs, parking and stopping are not allowed from 6 to 9 AM and 3 to 7 PM.

We'll continue to consult with the Alliance for Pioneer Square and local businesses on parking plans. The return of on-street parking is temporary while the Center City

Connector Streetcar status is being decided. Also, later this summer crews will temporarily remove parking in some locations to restore portions of the median.

ONGOING TRAFFIC LANE RESTRICTIONS, STREET CLOSURES, AND OTHER IMPACTS

- Temporary closures of southbound 1st Ave between Cherry St and S Jackson St will occur intermittently for the rest of summer
- Northbound 1st Ave lane closures:
 - Northbound 1st Ave S between S Main St and S Washington St will remain closed until installation of drainage is complete on S Washington St and the pavement is restored
 - 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 Washington St and Cherry 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
- Some parking removal along both sides of 1st Ave between S Main St and Marion St
- Long-term temporary parking and load zone restrictions:
 - 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. In August, please expect extended work hours of 7 AM to 7 PM. These extended work hours are necessary for us to complete our work.

- Expect occasional night and weekend work
- Expect typical construction impacts such as increased dust, noise, vibration, and truck activity



Other nearby work

STEAM LINE REPAIR WORK

Starting as soon as August 22, Enwave will shut off the steam line along 1st Ave S between S Main St and S Washington St to accommodate work in the sewer maintenance holes. Enwave will notify impacted customers.

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

SDOT 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 half-block closure of the western lane of southbound 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

AREAWAY REPAIR ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COLUMBIA ST BETWEEN 1ST AND POST AVENUES

Areaway repair work began August 6 on the north side Columbia St between 1st and Post avenues. This work consists of filling the areaway under the sidewalk with lightweight concrete fill, replacing the sidewalk above, and improving entryways to businesses on Columbia St.

Schedule and hours:

- Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 5 PM
- Some work may occur at night and/or on weekends to ensure a safe work zone. Advance notification will be provided
- The project is planned to be complete in September

Pedestrian and vehicle access:

- Access to businesses will be maintained
- No vehicular access to Columbia between 1st and Post avenues
- SR 99 on-ramp will remain open and accessible
- Any pedestrian and vehicular detours will be clearly posted in work zone

Schedule and hours:

- Expect construction equipment and vehicles moving in and out of the work zone
- Construction trucks and equipment may be noisy, with the most significant noise coming from breaking and removing concrete

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!

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