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.

**No utility construction on 1st Ave in Pioneer Square as labor strike continues**

On Tuesday morning, August 21, the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 302 went on strike, stopping all work on the Center City Connector Streetcar's Advance Utility Package 1 project. Equipment operators are an essential part of the labor force necessary to perform the work, and the project is unable to continue without their participation. This means that our water main installation, sewer repair, and other associated construction have been put on hold until further notice. We’ll provide status updates on the project’s website as more information about when work will resume becomes available. We’ll continue to regularly maintain the work site during the construction stoppage.

While construction is on hold:

- Northbound 1st Ave lane closures will remain in effect while work is on hold
- Construction staging will remain on the north side of S Main St, west of 1st Ave S, and on the south side of James St, between Yesler Way and 2nd Ave
- On-street parking will be restored on the west side of 1st Ave between Main and Washington streets once construction resumes and the contractor is able to relocate the staging materials from the parking lane

**Water shutdown to be rescheduled once work resumes**

The long water shutdown originally scheduled for August 26 will be rescheduled once work resumes. Impacted customers will be provided with advance notice when a new shutdown date and time have been arranged. This long shutdown is needed to hook up portions of the new water main.

Once it’s rescheduled, the shutdown will impact customers on the following streets:

- 1st Ave S from S Washington St to Yesler Way
- 1st Ave from Yesler Way to Columbia St
Other nearby work

STEAM LINE SHUTOFF
Once work resumes, 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. For questions about this work, please contact Andy Weyer at 206-623-6366.

AREAWAY REPAIR ON THE WEST SIDE OF 1ST AVE BETWEEN COLUMBIA AND MARION STREETS
SDOT has completed repairs to an underground areaway adjacent to the Colman Building on the west side of 1st Ave near Marion St.

AREAWAY REPAIR ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COLUMBIA ST BETWEEN 1ST AVE AND POST AVE
Areaway repair work began August 6 on the north side of Columbia St between 1st Ave and Post Ave. This work consists of filling the areaway under the sidewalk with lightweight
concrete fill, reconstructing 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, bicycle, and vehicle access:

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

Equipment and noise:

- 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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