



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.

Utility construction has resumed on 1st Ave in Pioneer Square following a 17-day strike. The [International Union of Operating Engineers \(IUOE\) Local 302](#) and the [Associated General Contractors of Washington](#) have reached a tentative agreement. Please visit the [Local 302 webpage](#) for the most up to date information.

Long water shutdown scheduled for Tuesday, September 18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

A long water shutdown, to hook up portions of the new water main, is scheduled from **5 PM Tuesday, September 18, to 7 AM Wednesday, September 19**. 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
- Yesler Way from 2nd Ave to Alaskan Way
- Cherry St from 1st Ave to 2nd Ave

Please note: Shutdown times have been coordinated in advance with building managers and representatives who were 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 during the shutdown: There will be nighttime construction noise near the work zone (see impacted streets above). Noisy work includes excavation with vacuum trucks and pipe cutting with power saws, and you can also expect typical construction impacts such as increased vibration, dust, truck activity, and exhaust.

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.

Crews working extended hours intermittently for the month of September

The weeks of September 9 and 16, crews are working nights and weekends along 1st Ave between Yesler Way and Columbia St to prepare for upcoming water service transfers and to perform maintenance activities in the existing sewer main. Please expect nighttime noise, in addition to:

- **Thursday, September 13, and Friday, September 14**
 - On Thursday, September 13, crews plan to work both day and night
 - Daytime hours will be from 7 AM to 5 PM
 - Nighttime hours will be from 6 PM Thursday, September 13, to 4 AM Friday, September 14. Work will occur along 1st Ave between Cherry St and Columbia St.
 - Crews will work from 7 AM to 5 PM on Friday, September 14
 - Please expect nighttime construction noise near the work zones. Noisy work includes excavation with vacuum trucks, pipe cutting with power saws, and you can also expect typical construction impacts such as increased vibration, dust, truck activity, and exhaust.

- **Saturday, September 15, to Monday, September 17**
 - Crews plan to work the nights of Saturday, September 15, Sunday, September 16, and Monday, September 17, to transfer water services to the new water main. Work hours will be from 8 PM to 7 AM. Work will occur along 1st Ave between Yesler Way and Columbia St.
 - Please expect nighttime construction noise near the work zones. Noisy work includes excavation with vacuum trucks, pipe cutting with power saws, and you can also expect typical construction impacts such as increased vibration, dust, truck activity, and exhaust.

- **Tuesday, September 18, to the morning of Wednesday, September 19**
 - A long water shutdown is scheduled from 5 PM Tuesday, September 18, to 7 AM Wednesday, September 19. This work is described in more detail in the blue box above.
 - Crews also plan to work during the day from 7 AM to 5 PM on Tuesday, September 18, and Wednesday, September 19. Work will occur

between Yesler Way and Columbia St.

- **Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23**
 - Crews tentatively plan to work Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, to perform maintenance activities in the existing sewer main along 1st Ave between S Main St and S Washington St. Work hours will be from 7 AM to 5 PM. This work is described in more detail below.

Utility construction in Pioneer Square: What to expect the week of September 16

In the next few weeks, because we'll be completing our work, you'll be seeing less clutter in the area as crews begin removing supplies and equipment.

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

- Crews will be performing maintenance activities in the existing sewer main. This work requires a temporary sewer bypass with a pump and generator operating 24 hours a day for up to one week. The bypass operation will begin as soon as September 17 in the Yesler Way to Cherry St block of 1st Ave. Work will occur on a block-by-block basis, starting north and working south. Crews will mitigate noise with barriers around the generator and pump. When crews are working in the S Main St to S Washington St block, equipment will be located on 1st Ave S at S Washington St. There is a possibility of odor in this area. This work is weather dependent.
- A crew may begin landscaping work in the traffic median. This includes replacing pavers and installing mulch.
- 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 be performing maintenance activities in the existing sewer main. This work requires a temporary sewer bypass with a pump and generator operating 24 hours a day for up to one week. The bypass operation will begin as soon as September 17 in the Yesler Way to Cherry St block of 1st Ave. Work will occur on a block-by-block basis, starting north and working south. Crews will mitigate noise with barriers around the generator and pump. When crews are working in the S Washington St to Yesler Way block, equipment will be located on 1st Ave S at Yesler Way. There is a possibility of odor in this area. This work is weather dependent.

- Crews will finish installing storm drainage on the west side of 1st Ave at the intersection of Yesler Way. While crews are working, southbound 1st Ave will be intermittently closed between Yesler Way and S Washington St from 8 AM to 3 PM.
- Crews will be working the nights of Saturday, September 15, Sunday, September 16, and Monday, September 17, to transfer water services to the new water main. Work hours will be from 8 PM to 7 AM. Work will occur along 1st Ave between Yesler Way and Columbia St.
- A crew may begin landscaping work in the traffic median. This includes replacing pavers and installing mulch.
- Expect construction impacts increased noise, vibration, dust, truck activity, and exhaust

1ST AVE FROM YESLER WAY TO CHERRY ST

- Crews will be performing maintenance activities in the existing sewer main. This work requires a temporary sewer bypass with a pump and generator operating 24 hours a day for up to one week. The bypass operation will begin as soon as September 17 in the Yesler Way to Cherry St block of 1st Ave. Work will occur on a block-by-block basis, starting north and working south. Crews will mitigate noise with barriers around the generator and pump. When crews are working in the Yesler Way to Cherry St block, equipment will be located on 1st Ave S at Cherry St. There is a possibility of odor in this area. This work is weather dependent.
- 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. Once crews have renewed water services, they may need to slightly expand their work area in the park in order to restore the bricks.
- Crews will be working the nights of Saturday, September 15, Sunday, September 16, and Monday, September 17, to transfer water services to the new water main. Work hours will be from 8 PM to 7 AM. Work will occur along 1st Ave between Yesler Way and Columbia St.
- A crew may begin landscaping work in the traffic median. This includes replacing pavers and installing mulch.
- 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 be working the nights of Saturday, September 15, Sunday, September 16, and Monday, September 17, to transfer water services to the new water main. Work hours will be from 8 PM to 7 AM. Work will occur along 1st Ave between Yesler Way and Columbia St.
- Expect noise and vibration, as well as typical construction impacts such as increased dust, truck activity, and exhaust

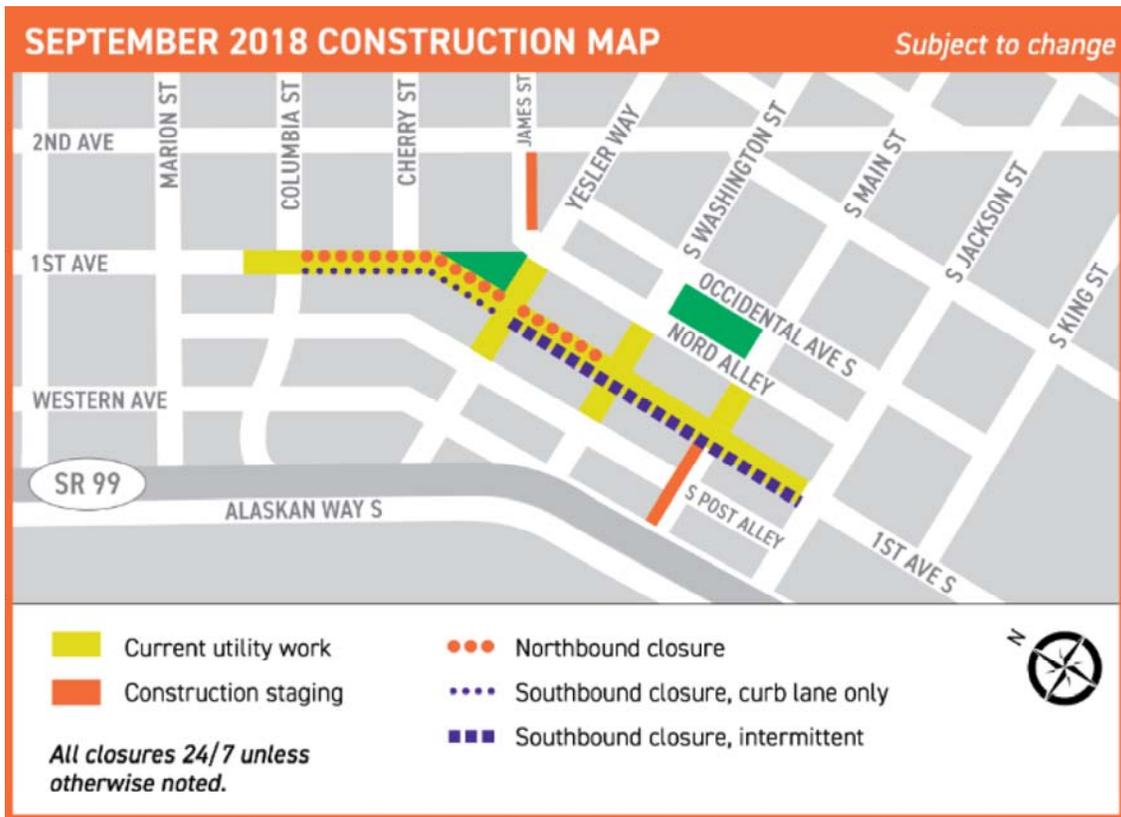
Free Waterfront Shuttle adds service

The Free Waterfront Shuttle added service earlier this month with a new East Loop connecting the Retail Core and Pike Place Market to the Waterfront. Operating daily from 10 AM to 8 PM, the Free Waterfront Shuttle has served over 17,000 riders so far this summer. Learn more and view the route map at

DowntownSeattleParking.com/shuttle.

ONGOING TRAFFIC LANE RESTRICTIONS, STREET CLOSURES, AND OTHER IMPACTS

- 1st Ave will be reopened to traffic before the Alaskan Way Viaduct is permanently closed to transition traffic into the new tunnel
- Temporary closures of southbound 1st Ave between Cherry St and S Jackson St will occur intermittently
- Northbound 1st Ave lane closures:
 - 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
 - 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 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, and on the south side of James St, between Yesler Way and 2nd Ave
- Parking removal along both sides of 1st Ave between S Washington St and Marion St
- Temporary load zone restrictions:
 - In the yellow-striped load zone on the north side of S Washington St just east of 1st Ave S
- Typical construction hours are 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday. 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

STEAM LINE SHUTOFF

Enwave will shut off the steam line along 1st Ave S between S Main St and S Yesler St to accommodate work in the sewer maintenance holes. This work is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, through Monday, September 24, and is weather dependent. Enwave will notify impacted customers. For questions about this work, please contact Andy Weyer at 206-623-6366.

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

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 later this month

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!

Center City Connector Streetcar project team



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