

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: SOUTH AUDITORIUM STREET LIGHTING

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has a contract with Elcon Corporation to replace the street and pathway lighting throughout the South Auditorium district. Work is scheduled for January 10, 2011, through July 30, 2012, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Why is the lighting system being replaced?

The existing illumination system was constructed in the 1970s utilizing what is currently considered substandard materials and construction techniques. These materials include irrigation pipe instead of conduit, shallow burial depths and inadequate pole foundations. The poles, fixtures, and panels are in marginal to poor condition, and the underground pipe is disintegrating. This system is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to maintain, often contributing to street light problems in this densely populated area.

What will the new lights look like?

The new standard was selected as a result of a public process that ended in September 2008. Various stakeholders and the general public were consulted to determine the key issues in the district and to recommend new pole and fixture types. As a result of this process, new fixtures were selected that closely resemble the original round ball and semi-dome fixtures.

How is this project being funded?

This project is being funded by stimulus funds received by the City of Portland through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*.

Will this project affect on-street parking?

Please adhere to the "NO PARKING" signs within the construction zone. On-street parking within the work area will be removed to facilitate the construction and the flow of traffic. Vehicles parked in the construction zone cause for delay to the contractor as they must be removed before the work can proceed. Vehicle access to driveways will be made available at all times except when the trenching is directly in front of the driveway.

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