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Southwest Parallel Interceptor Ventilation and Capacity Improvements Project Construction Update

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Environmental Services is working on a project to reduce sewer odors and increase capacity of the Southwest Parallel Interceptor sewer system. The project is designed to accommodate current needs and potential growth. Since February, the contractor has installed 1,000 feet of 24-inch concrete pipe, six manholes along SW Taylors Ferry Road, and three manholes on SW Virginia Avenue. Currently, our contractor is installing one manhole and 800 feet of 48-inch concrete pipe along SW Virginia Avenue, and building a permanent odor control facility east of SW Taylors Ferry Road.

Developments of Note

- Removing pipe that will be upsized is taking longer than expected because of the condition of the old pipe. Crews will be removing pipe until early January, which has delayed installing the new pipe.

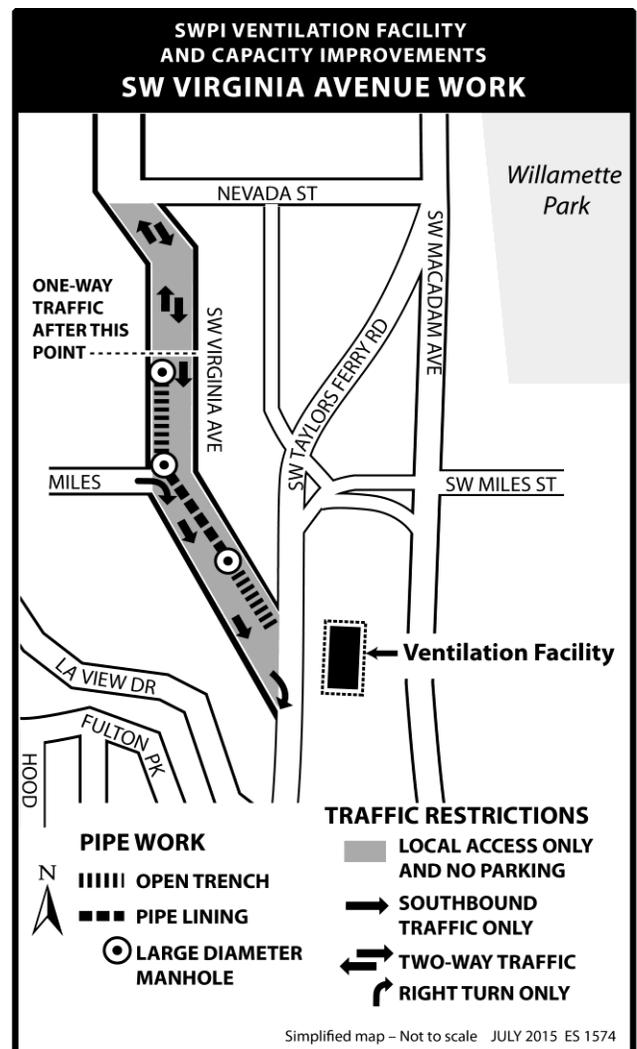
January

- The contractor tentatively plans to start pipe lining repairs in the **first or second week of January**. This work is dependent on a three day window of good weather, and may be rescheduled.
- We will send confirmation to the email update list before lining starts and we will post the schedule on the project website when we have more information.
- Crews will continue to install pipe north of SW Miles Street on SW Virginia Avenue.
- Ventilation facility construction (on-going)

February

- Final paving on SW Virginia Avenue
- Restore traffic median on SW Virginia at SW Taylors Ferry Road
- Restoration on SW Virginia

Please be aware that this schedule is subject to change due to a variety of factors including underground conditions, weather, subcontractor schedules and availability of materials.



What We've Heard From You

Several neighbors have asked about the overall project schedule. Construction is scheduled to be complete by Spring 2016. Heavy rains and underground conditions have delayed work on the current phase on SW Virginia Avenue. Crews are working Saturdays when possible in an effort to make up for the delays.

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Over one-third of Portland's 2,500 miles of sewer pipes are more than 80 years old. Projects to replace or repair aging sewers are important for protecting water quality, public health, and the environment. Learn more at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes.

Work Hours

- 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Pipe lining will be 24-hours, for 3 days.

What to Expect During Construction

- Work is weather dependent. Bypass pumps move sewage around the section of pipe under construction. When it rains, stormwater runoff can increase flow beyond the capacity of bypass pumps, which can postpone construction.
- The Portland Noise Control Office granted Environmental Services a noise variance for overnight pipe lining. If you have questions or concerns during night work, you can call the City of Portland on-site hotline at **503-823-6659**. You can also contact the Portland Noise Control Office at 503-823-7350 or noise@portlandoregon.gov. If you have questions or concerns about the project during regular business hours, please contact Ashley Tjaden at 503-823-5281 or ashley.tjaden@portlandoregon.gov.
- You may notice an odor during the pipe lining process, but it will dissipate quickly (www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/pipelining).
- SW Virginia Avenue is southbound only roughly 200 feet north of SW Miles Street to SW Taylors Ferry Road. Please plan your trip accordingly and expect delays.
- The contractor maintains local access, but construction disrupts the normal use of driveways. Expect traffic delays during work in the intersection.
- Parking in the construction zone on SW Virginia Avenue is prohibited at all times where marked.
- Equipment and materials are stored on nearby streets overnight. Parking is limited in the area.
- An on-site city inspector may be able to assist you with immediate construction concerns. Inspectors typically wear a City of Portland safety vest and hard hat.
- For a full list of what to expect, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/SWVentilation.

Let us know if you have concerns such as disability issues or medical deliveries. Please contact Ashley Tjaden at 503-823-5281, or email ashley.tjaden@portlandoregon.gov.

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- Heavy rains and pipe removal have delayed construction. The contractor tentatively plans to start pipe lining repairs in the **first or second week of January**. This work is dependent on a three day window of good weather, and may be rescheduled.
- Confirmation for pipe lining will be sent in advance to the email list and posted on the web.

For More Information

Go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/swventilation for updated maps, schedule, and progress photos. For more frequent email updates, email ashley.tjaden@portlandoregon.gov with "SW Ventilation" in the subject line.