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Water construction to impact SW Naito Parkway over coming weeks

Portland, OR – A contractor for the Portland Water Bureau has scheduled the final work on SW Naito Parkway to connect the new 36-inch diameter water supply pipeline to the existing pipelines. The connections will be made at the intersection of SW Clay Street and intersection of SW Market Street. The work is part of the bureau's Westside Header Project, Phase 2, to replace an aging supply pipe that is critical to the city's water system.

The work on SW Naito will be done in five phases. Because noise levels to remove concrete obstacles under the street would exceed acceptable levels for working at night, the crews must work during daylight hours, except to repave the street. Weekend work is scheduled to reduce the impact on downtown commuters as much as possible.

1. On Tuesday, April 17 through Thursday, April 19, work on SW Naito will take place in the intersections of both SW Clay and SW Market. This work is to remove large underground concrete obstacles to the connections. There will be noise, such as jackhammers. This work will take place from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to accommodate rush hour traffic.
2. On Wednesday, April 23 through Sunday, April 27, workers will be test and disinfect the new pipe. This work will require the use of a section of one curb-side northbound lane on SW Naito at SW Clay. This work will take place from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
3. On Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29, and possibly Monday, April 30, work will be in the intersection of SW Clay. The weekend work will take place from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If necessary, on Monday crews will work from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
4. On Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, and possibly Monday, May 14, work moves to the intersection of SW Market. The weekend work will take place from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If necessary, on Monday crews will work from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
5. On Tuesday, May 15, and if necessary, Wednesday, May 16, working at night, crews will install permanent asphalt on the road surfaces damaged by the pipe work. Crews will work from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

Some traffic lanes on SW Naito will be close and the signal lights at SW Clay and SW Market turned off. Flaggers and traffic cones will direct motorists pass the work zone. Delays should be expected. Motorists and bicyclists are encouraged to find alternate routes.

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