

Tryon Creek Watershed

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SW Terwilliger Boulevard Sewer Project

Construction Starts Soon

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Environmental Services tentatively anticipates beginning construction late next month on 7,600 feet of an eight-inch sewer in Terwilliger Boulevard from SW Northgate Avenue to Highway 43. The city originally planned to start work on this project in 2014 but postponed it to avoid conflicts with Multnomah County's Sellwood Bridge project.

The new Terwilliger sewer will connect to the 30-inch Tryon Interceptor sewer, which carries sewage to the Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lake Oswego. This improvement to the wastewater collection system will help protect water quality, public health, and the environment.

Developments of Note

- Construction of the SW Terwilliger Sewer will begin in fall 2016, but an exact date has not been set.
- Before construction, you may see crews surveying, trimming trees, marking utilities, and bringing equipment and supplies to the project area.
- The contractor will store some equipment and materials on streets within and near the work zone overnight.

Traffic Detour and Trail Information

For safety reasons, this project will close SW Terwilliger Boulevard 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the Iron Mountain Trail Head, south of Castleridge Lane, to Highway 43 (see map). That section of Terwilliger will be closed for the duration of the project, which is expected to last up to eight months. The city recommends taking SW Taylors Ferry Road to get to SW Terwilliger from the north.

The Terwilliger Trail will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists during construction (see map). We will provide advance notification of any closures needed to construct sewer branches to properties along the trail.

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Construction Schedule Updates

As the project moves into construction we will mail updates quarterly. Future updates will include a summary of progress, active construction activities, and timeline updates. For more frequent updates, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/swterwilliger to be added to our email update list. Please be aware that schedules are subject to change due to a variety of factors, including conditions underground, weather, traffic impacts, and subcontractor and materials availability.

What To Expect During Construction

- Work hours will typically be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The contractor may schedule work on Saturdays as well.
- Crews will use open trench to install the new pipe and manholes. Visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods to learn more about construction methods.
- Construction creates noise, vibration and dust and disrupts normal neighborhood activity.
- Sewer, water, and other utilities will remain in service during construction.
- SW Terwilliger Boulevard will be closed to all traffic from the Iron Mountain Trailhead to Highway 43 for the duration of the project.
- Highway 43 will be reduced to one northbound lane and one southbound lane for up to two months during manhole installation and connection to the sewer under Highway 43. We will provide advance notice when this work is scheduled, likely after the New Year.
- There will be traffic delays during construction hours.
- There may be periods of inactivity between construction phases.
- A city construction inspector will be on-site during work hours. If you have an immediate need during construction, the on-site inspector may be able to assist you. Inspectors typically wear a City of Portland safety vest and a hard hat.

For More Information

For more information, and to sign up for the email update list for updates during construction, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/swterwilliger.

Receive Project Traffic Alerts by Text

You can receive text messages of urgent traffic alerts by simply requesting to be on the text message list. Messages are 1-2 sentences long and convey urgent information such as road closures and openings. Major mobile networks are capable of this, but message and data rates may apply. To receive alerts please sign up on the website at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/swterwilliger.

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