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SW Yamhill and Morrison Streets between SW 1st-13th Avenues Project Proposed 24/7 Schedule for Urgent Sewer Repairs

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Environmental Services is designing a project to repair about 6,500 feet of public sewer pipes in Downtown Portland that are 100 to 140 years old and in deteriorating condition. The sewer pipes are showing signs of cracks, breaks, holes, offset pipe connections, and root and grease obstructions, putting the pipes at risk of structural failure. The repairs will protect the public and the environment by reducing the possibility of sewage releases to buildings and streets.

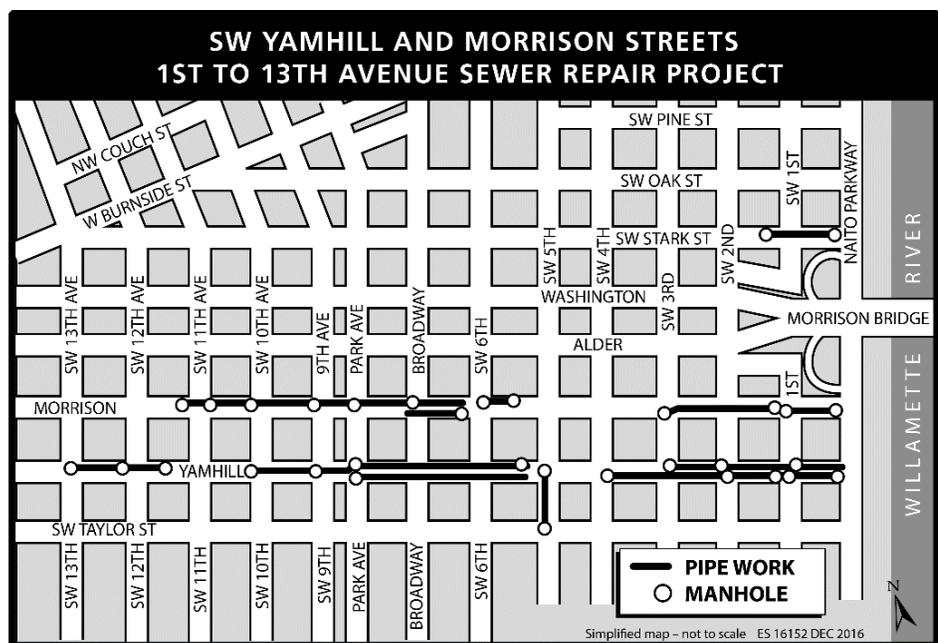
Location

Repairs will be made to pipes in SW Yamhill and SW Morrison Streets between SW 1st and SW 13th Avenues, plus a small segment on SW Stark Street at SW 1st Avenue. See map to the right.

Timeline

Sewer repairs will occur this spring from March 15 to May 20. The work coincides partly with TriMet's

next MAX improvement project in May. Coordination between the City and TriMet will lessen the burden on residents, businesses and visitors to downtown.



Proposed 24/7 Schedule

The city hopes to complete as much critical pipe repair work as possible in advance of and during the MAX improvement project. To condense several months of urgent repairs into the project timeline, the city is proposing to work all hours and all days.

Portland noise code allows construction from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Work after 6 p.m. and before 7 a.m. and all hours on Sundays requires a noise variance from the Portland Noise Office. Because construction crews will work days and nights, including weekends, Environmental Services will apply for a Noise Variance.

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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.

Construction Method and Equipment

To avoid digging up the streets and sidewalks for sewer repairs, the city will employ a process called Cured-in-Place-Pipe Lining (CIPP). This less disruptive process will strengthen and reinforce the pipes, making them last for many years. CIPP construction is considerably less noisy than open trench excavation. Equipment that generates noise will include sewer cleaning trucks, compressors, generators, ventilation fans, and other trucks and related equipment. Night work will require lighting of the area. See www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods for details.

Potential Traffic Impacts

- Accessing sewer pipes through manholes will require temporary street closures of one-to-two-block segments on SW Yamhill and SW Morrison Streets.
- Where needed, local access will be provided by flaggers.
- Access to and from driveways may be delayed.
- Staging areas for materials and construction vehicles will be on cross streets and will require some lane closures and parking removal.
- Bypass pumping to maintain sewer service during construction may require temporary cross-street closures with local access provided by flaggers.

Submit Comments to Portland Noise Office

Your comments regarding the proposed 24/7 schedule are valuable and you can submit them to the Portland Noise Office by letter, email or telephone. Please submit comments by **March 1** to:

Portland Noise Office
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 110
Portland, OR 97204
Email: noise@portlandoregon.gov
Phone: 503-823-7350

For More Information

Environmental Services is committed to keeping residents and businesses informed. We encourage you to sign up now for the project's email update list. Visit the project webpage at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/Downtown and click the SIGN UP! button or send an email to Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov. Let us know if you have questions or concerns, such as maintaining driveway access, business operations, medical deliveries, and other impacts. Over the coming months, we plan on visiting businesses adjacent to the pipe repairs to discuss the project and address any concerns.

Take the Downtown Business Sewer Questionnaire

Businesses in the area between SW Alder to SW Taylor Streets and SW Naito Parkway to SW 13th Avenue are encouraged to complete the Downtown Business Sewer Questionnaire to help us understand your sewer connections, business operations and needs. We will use this information to plan the best possible project with the least disruption. Please visit the project webpage at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/Downtown to complete the survey.

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