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SW Yamhill-Morrison Sewer Repair Project Construction Activities and Related Noise

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Environmental Services is constructing repairs for about 6,500 feet of public sewer pipes in downtown Portland that are 100 to 140 years old, in deteriorating condition, and 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.

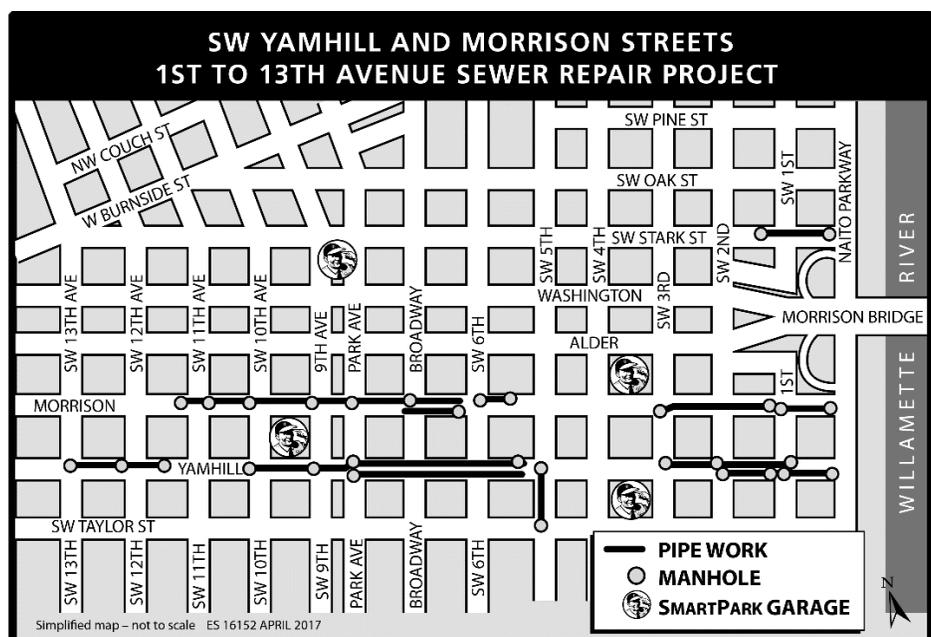
Location

Pipes are being repaired in Yamhill and Morrison Streets between 1st and 13th Avenues, plus a small segment on Stark Street at 1st Avenue.

Timeline

Sewer repairs will continue through May 20, with the most challenging work being coordinated with TriMet's MAX improvement project in May. Go to

www.trimet.org/alerts/morrisonyamhill for details on TriMet's service disruption.



Approved 24/7 Schedule

The Portland Noise Office granted Environmental Services a Noise Variance to enable the city's contractors to work all hours and all days. In some locations, construction will need to take place after 6 p.m. and before 7 a.m. A 24/7 schedule permits the city to condense several months of urgent sewer repairs into just nine weeks. Environmental Services asked for this variance to take advantage of the brief period when TriMet will be closing the MAX line for repair, giving city crews a window to safely access sewer pipes under the tracks.

Call the noise hotlines at either 503-823-8458 or 503-823-8263 to report concerns about nighttime construction noise. For all other questions, call the project hotline at 503-823-5315, leave a message, and your call will be returned by the next business day.

Construction Method

For the most challenging repairs to be done in May, the city will employ a process called Cured-in-Place-Pipe Lining (CIPP). This less disruptive process is also considerably less noisy than open trench excavation. CIPP will strengthen and reinforce the pipes, making them last for many years. See www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods for details.



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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 Activities and Traffic Impacts

You can expect the following activities and impacts with this sewer repair project:

- Construction creates noise, vibration, and dust and disrupts normal activity.
- You should expect traffic delays, temporary street closures, lane closures, traffic control signage, and flaggers as needed within the work area.
- Accessing sewer pipes through manholes will require temporary street closures of one-to-two-block segments on SW Yamhill and SW Morrison Streets.
- Local access to all properties on SW Yamhill and SW Morrison Streets will be maintained or provided as needed by flaggers.
- Partial sidewalk segments per block on SW Yamhill and SW Morrison Streets may be temporarily closed, but access will be maintained to all buildings.
- Staging areas for materials and construction vehicles will be on most 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.
- On-street parking will be restricted in and near the work zones to create a safe work environment and to stage equipment and materials.
- A city inspector will be on-site during work hours and may be able to assist you with an immediate need during construction.
- Sewer, water, and other utilities will remain in service during construction.

Downtown Open for Business

Environmental Services is coordinating with multiple agencies to schedule and complete construction, minimize disruptions, and help people get to where they are going. Learn about other projects that will affect the Central Business District at www.MovePDX.net.



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.

Stay Informed about Downtown Sewer Repairs

- Visit the project webpage at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/downtown and select the SW Yamhill-Morrison Sewer Repair Project.
- Sign up for email updates on the project webpage.
- Call the project hotline at 503-823-5315, leave a message, and your call will be returned by the next business day.
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- Contact city outreach staff by email at Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov.

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