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## SW Yamhill-Morrison Sewer Repair Project Notice of Overnight Street Closure for May 9-10 On SW 11th between Alder and Morrison

NOTICE DATE: MAY 8, 2017

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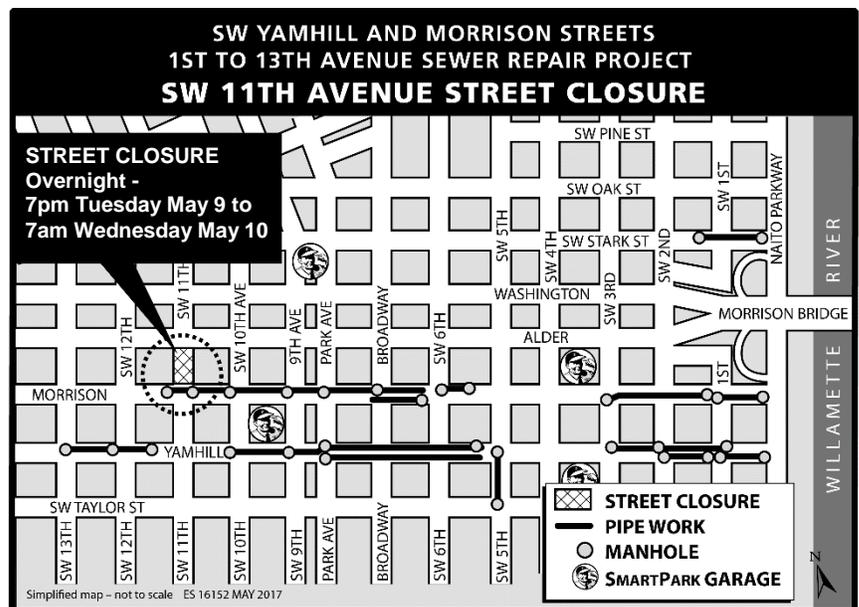
A temporary, overnight street closure on SW 11th Avenue between SW Alder and SW Morrison Streets will be necessary from 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, so that crews can access a manhole to make urgent sewer repairs. This schedule is revised from previous plans for work on May 8-9 and is **still subject to change due to weather-related delays or other factors.**

All motor vehicles and cyclists must use detours during this closure. No street parking, driveway, or loading zone access will be available. Sidewalk access will be maintained for pedestrians. Flaggers will be onsite to redirect traffic.

### Necessary Street Closure

Sewer repair crews have been working since March 15 in the Yamhill and Morrison corridor. They are now coordinating with TriMet's MAX improvement project to complete the most challenging work – the Cured-in-Place-Pipe Lining

(CIPP) work. Crews will access the sewer from manholes to insert new linings inside the old pipes. The liner will gradually harden over several hours to seal cracks and extend the lifespan of the pipes.



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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](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes).

## Anticipated Traffic Impacts

You can expect the following impacts with this temporary, overnight street closure:

- SW 11th between Alder and Morrison will be completely closed to motor vehicle traffic and cyclists. No street parking, driveway, or loading zone access will be available.
- Motor vehicles and cyclists will be allowed to turn onto SW Alder Street to avoid the road closure on SW 11th between Alder and Morrison.
- Staging areas for materials and construction vehicles will be on cross streets and will require some lane closures and parking removal on those streets.
- Bypass pumping to maintain sewer service during construction may require temporary cross-street closures with local access provided by flaggers.

## Project Background

Environmental Services is constructing repairs for 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.

## Schedule

Sewer repairs will continue 24/7, all hours and all days, between now and May 20, with the most challenging work being coordinated with TriMet's MAX improvement project that began April 30. Learn more about TriMet's project at [www.trimet.org/morrisonyamhill](http://www.trimet.org/morrisonyamhill).

An approved Noise Variance enables the city's contractors to work all hours and all days in order to condense several months of urgent sewer repairs into just nine weeks. Environmental Services asked for this variance to take advantage of the three-week period when TriMet is closing the MAX line, giving city crews a window to safely access sewer pipes under the tracks.

## Contact Us, and Stay Informed about Downtown Sewer Repairs

- Please contact city outreach staff by email at [Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov) if the closure creates a hardship for your business.
- Visit the project webpage at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/downtown](http://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 and your call will be returned by the next business day.
- Call the noise hotlines at either 503-823-8458 or 503-823-8263 to report concerns about nighttime construction noise.