

# Project Update

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## SW Yamhill-Morrison Sewer Repair Project Construction Resumes for Phase Three

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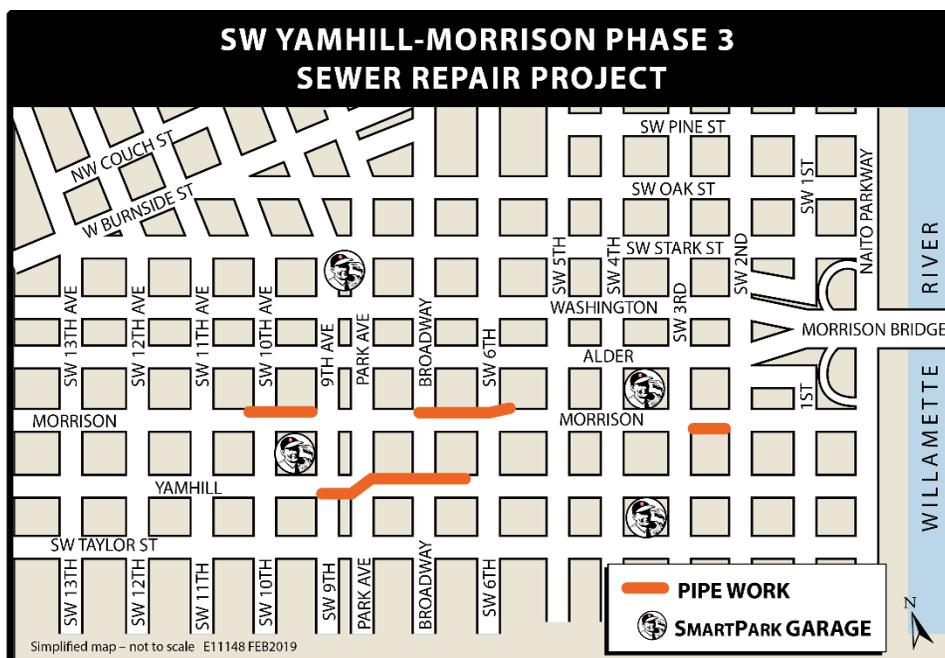
Environmental Services will resume construction this spring and summer on a project to repair five segments of deteriorating public sewer pipes in SW Yamhill and SW Morrison streets in downtown Portland. Repairs to the 100 to 140-year-old sewer pipes will protect the public and the environment by reducing the possibility of sewage releases to buildings and streets.

### Location

The five public sewer pipes are in SW Yamhill and SW Morrison Streets (see map).

### Schedule

The project is anticipated to begin this spring and conclude this summer. Pre-construction activities and coordination with adjacent businesses may occur this spring, and the work to repair the pipes will take place after the Portland Rose Festival, which is May 30 through June 11, 2019.



### Construction Method

To repair the sewer pipes, the City will use the Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining (CIPP) method. Working from a manhole, crews insert a flexible liner inside the old pipe. Crews then inflate the liner and use hot water, steam, or ultraviolet light to cure the liner, forming a rigid, smooth surface that seals cracks and restores the pipe to near-new condition. More information about construction is available on the project webpage at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/y-m](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/y-m).

### Proposed Night Work

Regular work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturdays as needed. To reduce public impacts and complete the work as quickly as possible, Environmental Services is proposing to work both days and nights. Work will take less than a week at each location, including up to three nights to complete the pipe lining sewer repair work. The noisiest work will be done during the day. Equipment that generates noise will include sewer cleaning trucks, compressors, light trucks, generators, pumps, and ventilation fans. Night work will require lighting of the work zone.

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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).

## Submit Comments to Portland Noise Office

Environmental Services will apply for a noise variance to enable contractors to work both days and nights. 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. Your comments regarding the proposed schedule to work both days and nights are valuable, and you can submit them to the Portland Noise Office by letter, email, or phone. Please submit comments by **March 8** to:

Portland Noise Office, 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 110, Portland, OR 97204

Email: [noise@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:noise@portlandoregon.gov)

Phone: 503-823-7350

## Background

This project is a continuation of the work to repair severely deteriorated public sewer pipes in SW Yamhill and SW Morrison streets in downtown Portland:

- Phase One was completed in the spring of 2017 during TriMet’s MAX Improvement Project, which enabled the City to repair 3,200 feet of sewer pipes under the tracks.
- Phase Two was completed in the summer of 2018 and repaired 2,700 feet of sewer pipes in high-risk areas, which required coordination with adjacent private properties.
- Phase Three will repair five remaining pipe segments, which could not be completed during prior phases due to the nature of the pipes, difficult access issues, and availability of subcontractors and materials. The City is now prepared to resume these repairs.

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Environmental Services strives to keep residents and businesses informed:

- Sign up now for emailed construction updates at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/y-m](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/y-m).
- If you have a question about the project, call 503-823-5315, stating that Yamhill-Morrison is your area of concern. Your call will be returned by the next business day.
- If you have a nighttime construction noise complaint, call 503-823-1338, stating that Yamhill-Morrison is your project of concern.
- Contact city outreach staff by email at [Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov).

**Downtown Open for Business – To avoid circling around construction to find parking, the City recommends you use SmartPark garages.**