# Project Update

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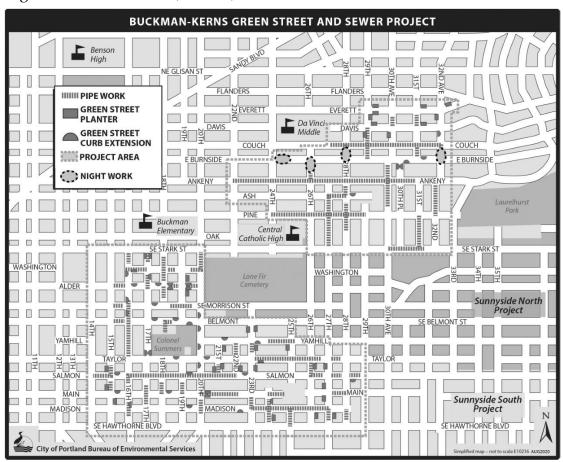
## Buckman-Kerns Green Street and Sewer Project Night Work Proposed

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The City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services is continuing our work to repair and replace critical sewer and stormwater infrastructure. Environmental Services will continue to provide information and updates on construction schedules and activities during the COVID-19 emergency.

Environmental Services – your sewer and stormwater utility – is nearing completion on designing a project in the Buckman and Kerns neighborhoods to upsize, repair, or replace sewer pipes and construct green street planters to manage stormwater runoff from streets, roofs and parking lots. This project will upgrade and install more than four miles of public sewers and build 77 green street planters. Once completed, the project will remove 7.1 million gallons of stormwater a year from the sewer system in the Buckman and Kerns neighborhoods. Many of the existing combined sewer pipes are at least 100 to 120 years old and deteriorating. Many are also undersized for the sewer and stormwater flows in this area. Upgrading and improving the sewer system in this area will protect public health, property, and our environment by reducing the possibility of sewage releases into streets, homes, and businesses.



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#### Schedule

Construction is not anticipated to begin until spring 2021.

#### Night Work Location, Duration, and Methods

To minimize interruptions to traffic at these busy intersections and protect public safety, Environmental Services is proposing to repair sewer lines overnight and requesting a variance from the Portland Noise Office at four proposed locations (SEE MAP):

- SE 26th Avenue and E Burnside Street for four nights with Open-Trench Excavation
- **NE 24th Avenue and E Burnside Street** for three nights with the Cured-in-place Pipe Lining (CIPP) trenchless method
- NE 28th Avenue and E Burnside Street for three nights with Open-Trench Excavation
- NE 32nd Avenue and E Burnside Street for four nights with Open-Trench Excavation

Work hours proposed are 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, with no work on Sundays. When possible, work crews will complete louder tasks before midnight. The equipment to be used includes various trucks (water jet, CCTV, vacuum, asphalt and dump), an air compressor, pavement saw cutters, whisper bypass pumps, generators, lights, front end loaders, track hoes, cranes and pavement roller compactors.

For more information on construction methods, go to <a href="www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods">www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods</a>.

#### **Submit Noise Related Comments**

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 require a noise variance from the Portland Noise Office. Environmental Services will apply for a noise variance to enable the city's contractors to work at night as proposed above.

Your comments regarding the proposed night work are valuable and you may submit them to the Portland Noise Office by September 4, 2020 via email to **noise@portlandoregon.gov**, or call April Hasson at 503-865-6492.

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See Inside for More Details

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/BuckmanKerns and click the SIGN UP button or
- send an email to april@jla.us.com with "Buckman Kerns" in the subject line.