

Weekly Construction Updates

March 3, 2017

Water feature: Pieces of granite from the large water feature near the visitor's center entrance were removed this week for replacement so that a waterproof membrane can be installed underneath. This will prevent leakage into the tenant-occupied space.

Restroom demolition: Next week, crews will begin demolition of the current restrooms to make room for new all-user single-stall restrooms.

Brick and terracotta removal: Crews have removed a large amount of brick from the amphitheater stairs and have taken off the terra cotta tile from around the stoa columns. The waterproofing membrane that was underneath the bricks is also being removed. This work will continue into the next couple months.

Broadway lane and sidewalk closures: Last week, crews closed one traffic lane on SW Broadway between SW Morrison and SW Yamhill. Through June, this lane will remain closed Monday through Saturday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Most of the east sidewalk on SW Broadway, adjacent to the Square will remain closed around the clock until June.

February 24

Construction at the square has begun.

Set-up: During these first few weeks of construction, the crew set up equipment to protect the public and the existing features of the square.

Broadway lane and sidewalk closures: To safely complete the work, one traffic lane on SW Broadway between SW Morrison and SW Yamhill will be closed most days through June (Monday through Saturday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. only). The two other traffic lanes will remain open. Additionally, most of the east sidewalk on SW Broadway, adjacent to the Square, will be closed around the clock until June. Starbucks will remain open. The sidewalk in front of Nordstrom, on the other side of the street, will remain open.

Brick and terracotta removal: The crew has begun removing bricks, as well as the terracotta layer surrounding the large stoa columns. Once bricks are taken from an area, the damaged plastic waterproof membrane underneath will be removed, beginning this week. A labor-intensive, surgical approach prevents the materials underneath from being damaged.

Interior Work: Travel Portland and the Visitors Information Center have relocated to the Theater on the Square. Interior finishes were protected before demolition began this week.

