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PBOT N Lombard Main Street Repair Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the PBOT N Lombard Main Street Repair Project?

A: The PBOT N Lombard Main Street Project aims to do the following:

- Remove old streetcar rails from beneath pavement,
- Repair and replace street pavement,
- Create a safer and more accessible street by adding or upgrading curb extensions, pedestrian crossings, bus stops, curb ramps and more.

Q: Why was this project chosen as a priority?

A: The streetcar rail lines that are buried under the road are causing the pavement to fail. In addition, constant repaving over the rail lines throughout the years has caused N Lombard Street to be unusually sloped – so much so that it is difficult to add curb ramps that meet ADA standards. In order to save money on constant repaving, fix recurring pavement failures, and make the street accessible to everyone, the rail lines need to be removed and the street needs to be repaved.

Q: When will this project start?

A: The project is currently in the design and planning phase, which will last through the fall of 2020. Construction will begin in early 2021 and last for about six months.

Q: Where will this project take place?

A: The project will take place over eight blocks of N Lombard Street from just south of N St. Louis Avenue to N Richmond Avenue (US 30 Bypass).



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Q: Will this project completely shut down N Lombard in St. Johns for six months?

A: No, small portions of the eight-block project area will be closed at a time for construction work, generally one or two blocks at a time. The entire project area will take about six months for completion. A construction schedule with location impacts, construction methods, and work hours will be shared prior to construction and will be developed in coordination with community members and businesses along the corridor.

Q: How will pedestrian access be affected by construction?

A: There may be some sidewalk and/or crosswalk detours for pedestrians while construction takes place, but pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained. Construction areas will be clearly marked for safety.

Q: Will customers still be able to access businesses on N Lombard St?

A: Customer access to businesses will be maintained. However, there may be some noise, dust, and debris while construction is underway. PBOT knows that small businesses depend upon their customers and will work with businesses to mitigate construction impacts as much as is feasible.

Q: Will the speed limit on N Lombard be changing?

A: Posted speed limits will remain the same. However, there may be traffic delays during construction.

Q: How will crosswalks be changed or impacted?

A: Several crosswalks will be improved, with changes made to more naturally follow the flow of pedestrian traffic. There are plans to build curb and bus stop extensions where feasible and install marked crosswalks throughout N Lombard Street. One proposed change is for the pedestrian signal at N John Avenue to be removed and replaced with rapid flashing beacons at N Charleston Avenue.

Q: Will any side streets be impacted?

A: There may be some construction staging that could impact some streets connected to N Lombard. The entirety of construction, however, will occur on N Lombard Street, in small portions at a time, between N St. Louis Avenue and N Richmond Avenue.

Q: How will parking be changed or impacted?

A: Some parking spots will be removed as crosswalks and bus access are improved. However, one of the goals of the project is to maintain adequate bike and car parking for people shopping, working, dining, and visiting St. Johns. The specific changes to parking will become clearer as the street design process is completed.

Q: What will the traffic impacts be during construction?

A: There may be some temporary lane or road closures that could cause traffic delays.

Q: Will TriMet bus routes change?

A: Buses will continue to run normally along N Lombard Street. One TriMet bus stop at N Lombard Street and Baltimore Avenue, stop ID 8480, will move one block east from N Baltimore Avenue to N Alta Avenue to better accommodate bus routing. No other permanent changes to bus routes along N Lombard are expected, however, there may be detours or delays during construction. Visit trimet.org or call TriMet customer service at (503) 238-7433 for specific information on bus stops and schedules.

Q: How can I make my voice heard and engage in this project and how will public input inform the process and design of this project?

A: The project team invites you to comment on the proposed plans during the design process. An open house will be held on Thursday, May 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm at James John School, 7439 N Charleston Avenue. A business-specific project update event will occur in June 2019.

Visit bit.ly/LombardMainSt for project details and to sign up for email updates.

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