Portland Streetcar Track Access Permit Program Information & FAQs

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES
• All equipment and personnel must stay clear of the overhead contact wire (OCS) with a **10-foot radius** around the wire. This is also an OSHA requirement.
• All underground boring must be at a **36-inch minimum** below the Streetcar tracks. Any commercial digging near the tracks must be reviewed and approved by City engineering.
• Any work being done within **5-feet** of the track (outside of the concrete track bed) requires a Streetcar Track Access Permit.
• An Over Dimensional height vehicle (greater than 14 feet) may be within **5-feet** of the Streetcar dynamic envelope and you must apply for a Streetcar Track Access Permit. Streetcar Maintenance will determine whether a power shut down will be required.
• Any person(s) working in the roadway with a valid Streetcar Track Access Permit must be Roadway worker hazard training certified.

DEFINITIONS
• PSC – Portland Streetcar
• OCS – Overhead Catenary System
• RWP – Roadway Worker Protection (Plan)
• Dynamic Envelope – The area the streetcar occupies while traveling on the track, located inside the concrete borders of the streetcar track bed.
• Roadway Worker – Any person(s) working within the roadway.
• TCP – Traffic control permit
• TSUP – Temporary Street Use Permit
FREEQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **If I have a TSUP and a TCP, do I still need to have a Track Access Permit?**
   
   If the work includes a city issued Traffic Control or Temporary Street Use Permit (TCP, TSUP), a condition of that permit may include needing a Streetcar track access permit. Failure to acquire this permit, can result in the TCP or TSUP being revoked, a monetary fine, and stoppage of work.

2. **Who must be Roadway worker hazard training certified?**
   
   - Currently any person working within the Streetcar tracks with a valid permit will need this training, meaning every worker, not just the foreman or employee in charge (EIC).

3. **How do I obtain a Roadway worker hazard training certification?**
   
   - TRIMET does all the training for TRIMET and Streetcar roadway worker certifications. Classes are held every Tuesday at 2pm and last about an hour, you will receive a certification card that must be on your person while working under a Track Access permit and are valid for one (1) year. **Classes are held at 4012 SE 17th Portland, Oregon 97202 at 2pm. You can contact Matt Bacitich bacitichm@trimet.org OR Jeff Johnson johnsonj@trimet.org for more information.**

4. **How do I obtain a Portland Streetcar Track Access permit?**
   
   - Track access permits can be obtained online at the following link: [https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/79402](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/79402)
   
   - Having an account with the city is required. A link is provided on the permit application page.

5. **How much does a Portland Streetcar Track Access Permit cost?**
   
   - A standard permit has no fees.
   
   - A permit requiring a power down of the overhead catenary wire has fees associated.

6. **How do I determine if a power shutdown will be needed?**
   
   - Any work requiring an encroachment of the 10-foot minimum radius around the overhead contact wire will require a shutdown. There are few exceptions, if someone has had electrical hazard awareness training and or certifications. You can contact [Portland streetcar](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation) for more information.
All power shutdowns will be scheduled after regular service hours which can vary but generally allows 4-5 hours of uninterrupted work along the tracks. Please check the box on the permit application indicating you will need a shutdown.

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7. **Can I or my work group participate in lock out tag out during the shutdown?**
   - Yes, Streetcar maintenance can provide gang locks for those wanting to participate in LO/TO of the OCS system in addition to Streetcar only locks. You will need to provide your own lock and follow the guidelines listed on the shutdown agreement.

8. **Are there any other associated cost’s with power shutdowns?**
   - Yes, if you are working near the overhead wires and or poles it is a requirement to have yellow plastic wire indicators installed. The City staff can schedule and install these with an approved power shutdown. There are associated costs for parts and labor.

9. **How soon do I have to submit a Streetcar Access permit?**
   - Permits must be submitted 7 days before work is scheduled to begin. Permits requiring a shutdown must be submitted 14 days in advance in order to be scheduled.

10. **How do I know if I will be working on or near Streetcar tracks?**
    - Portland Streetcar intersects with TRIMET MAX in several areas, a map of Streetcar’s routes can be found here: [https://portlandstreetcar.org/schedules](https://portlandstreetcar.org/schedules). You can contact us via email if you have additional questions. If in fact you are on the TriMet MAX alignment, track access permits from TriMet can be requested here [trackaccessrequests@trimet.org](mailto:trackaccessrequests@trimet.org). All request with TriMet must be at least 7 days in advance.