The Yesler Way Bridge Rehabilitation Project – to improve safety and reliability while preserving the bridge’s historical elements – will enter a new phase in January of 2017. Work will begin on strengthening the bridge foundations on the eastern side of 4th Ave S, in preparation for installing new girders over the roadway later this winter.

UPCOMING 4TH AVE SIDEWALK CLOSURE

From Tuesday, January 3 through mid-February, crews will close the sidewalk on the east side of 4th Ave S between S Washington and Jefferson streets. Crews will be widening the bridge footings (beneath the sidewalk) weekdays, and other crews will be installing a large electrical utility vault next to the eastern bridge abutment weeknights. This sidewalk closure is in addition to the sidewalk closure on the west side of 4th Ave S, and will require pedestrians to detour the work area as shown below.
**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE AND HEAR**

- No thru access for pedestrians on 4th Ave S between S Washington and Jefferson streets, starting Tuesday, January 3 for approximately 6 weeks
- Sidewalk closed signs and flaggers directing pedestrians to use Prefontaine Place and Jefferson Street to detour around temporarily closed section of 4th Ave S
- Nighttime closure (7 PM to 5 AM) of the curb lane on the east side of 4th Ave S between S Washington and Jefferson street until approximately mid-February
- Nearby project neighbors may hear loud, intermittent noises generated by construction equipment from 5 PM to 10 PM
- Large construction vehicles, lights, noise from trucks, back-up alarms, and other equipment

Crews will implement construction best practices to reduce noise levels.

**Transit riders** who normally continue north from the Washington Street stop may wish to continue by bus to Fourth Ave and Cherry Street and walk downhill rather than use the required pedestrian detour on Prefontaine and Jefferson. Please contact your transit service provider for any questions about service changes.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed with this project. To learn more about the project, visit our project website: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/yeslerBridge.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/yeslerBridge.htm). If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the project further, please contact us at [YeslerBridge@seattle.gov](mailto:YeslerBridge@seattle.gov) or 206-684-8684.

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