

EMERGENCY WESTERN AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Construction update for March 4 to 10

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has replaced a 20-inch water main along Western Avenue between Yesler Way and Spring Street that was at risk of failure due to ground settlement.

The new pipe has been installed and SPU is in the process of transferring services to the new water main and making final connections to crossing water mains. Temporary water shutdowns will occur as large cross water mains are connected to the new water main. **Affected buildings have already been contacted by a Seattle Public Utilities Customer Service representative.** Thank you for your patience as we continue this critical emergency work.

WHAT TO EXPECT FRIDAY – SUNDAY (MARCH 4 – 6):

Work will occur to connect large cross water mains at Columbia Street. Over the weekend, customers should expect the following near Columbia Street:

- Work will occur from late Saturday night to Sunday evening. Activities will include pavement breaking (daytime only), connecting services and using a saw to cut pipes, pumps and generators. Night work will occur on Saturday night as crews connect large cross water mains. Increased activity, noise, and low lighting are expected near Columbia Street and Western Avenue. This work needs to be done at night to minimize water service disruption to customers. The equipment that will be used is loud, but crews will work to minimize noise to the greatest extent possible.
- Work to temporarily restore the roadway will begin at 5 a.m. Friday on Western Avenue between Spring Street and Yesler Way under a noise variance. This work has been scheduled early in the morning to reduce traffic impacts. The equipment may be loud, but crews will work to minimize noise to the greatest extent possible. Work will be complete by 3 p.m. each day.

WHAT TO EXPECT MONDAY – THURSDAY (MARCH 7 – 10):

Work will continue on Western Avenue between Spring Street and Yesler Way to temporarily restore the roadway. Monday through Thursday, customers should expect the following in the project area:

- Work to temporarily restore the roadway will begin at 5 a.m. each day on Western Avenue between Spring Street and Yesler Way under a noise variance. This work has been scheduled early in the morning to reduce traffic impacts. The equipment may be loud, but crews will work to minimize noise to the greatest extent possible. Work will be complete by 3 p.m. each day.
- Work will include repairing and restriping the road. This work is weather dependent.
- Vector trucks may be used intermittently throughout the project area during the day. Increased noise is expected.
- Utility work will occur at Madison Street and Yesler Way. There may be traffic impacts during daytime hours.

ACCESS AND PARKING

In order to restore the roadway in the most efficient manner, crews may have to change locations within the project area multiple times during the day. Street parking will be made available as much as possible when work allows.

From March 4 – 10, customers can expect the following in the project area:

- Western Avenue between Spring Street and Yesler Way may be closed to vehicle traffic from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. One southbound lane will be open from 3 p.m. to 5 a.m. with some intermittent closures to accommodate work.
- Possible daytime traffic impacts at Madison Street and Western Avenue for utility work.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained.
- Large vehicles travelling southbound on Western Avenue should detour westbound at University Street and eastbound at Spring Street to avoid Western Avenue between Spring Street and Yesler Way.
- Steel plates will be present on the roadway. Bicyclists should use extreme caution.
- Parking on Western Avenue between Spring Street and Yesler Way is temporarily restricted. Parking will be restored as much as possible.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you experience issues with your water service, **please contact SPU's 24-hour emergency line at 206-386-1800.**

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