



FACT SHEET

3RD AVE BELLTOWN PAVING PROJECT

April 2017

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Construction on the 3rd Ave Belltown Paving Project is now expected to start on Tuesday, May 2. The contractor plans to work from south to north, beginning in the block and a half segment from Virginia St to mid-block north of Lenora St.

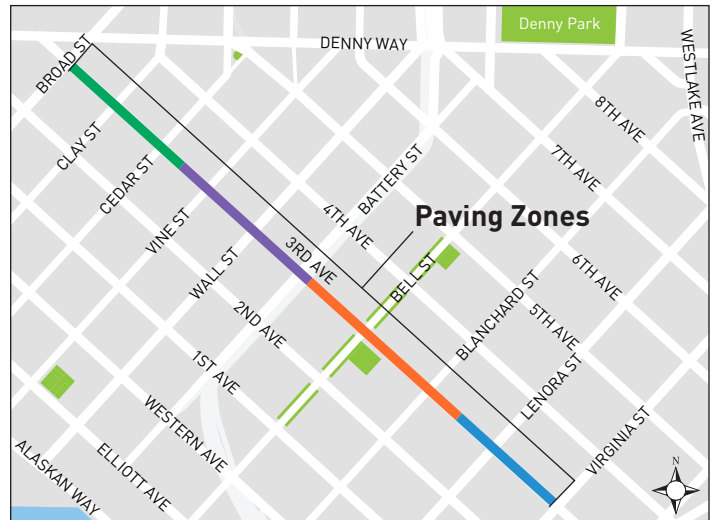
For the first couple of weeks they expect to be working in the center lanes, with traffic reduced to a single curb lane in each direction. They will then shift construction to the east side of the street, with a single lane of traffic in each direction on the west side of 3rd Ave. These traffic configurations will remain in place 24/7 until this phase of work has been completed.

This website will be updating throughout construction, providing information on current and upcoming construction.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

3rd Ave through Belltown is a primary arterial carrying some 3,600 vehicles per day, approximately 45% of which are buses. Today, the street is marked by potholes, cracks in the pavement and seams in the roadway.

Construction, which is slated to take about 10 months to complete, is expected to begin this spring.



This project is funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle.htm.

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PROJECT COMPONENTS

The street is currently composed of a mix of concrete panels and asphalt. We will remove all of the asphalt and replace it with concrete panels, which will last longer than asphalt. Existing curb lane panels will be replaced where needed, specifically broken panels and/or those that have previously been cut into for repairs.

In addition to repaving the street, the project includes:

- Replacing curb ramps at some intersections to bring them into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Sidewalks will not otherwise be impacted.
- Replacing and/or repairing sections of water mains and sewer lines. This will require water shutoffs, most likely to occur at night, when the impact will be the least.
- Installing electrical conduit at select locations.
- Expanding both the northbound and southbound bus zones at Virginia St to better accommodate the large number of buses using these stops.

CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCING

In order to minimize the length of construction in front of any business or residence, the construction will be divided into 4 work zones. The contractor will largely complete work in one zone before moving onto the next. At this point, we don't know the order in which the contractor will work the zones, which are:

- Virginia St to midblock north of Lenora St
- Midblock north of Lenora St to Battery St
- Battery St to midblock of Vine St
- Midblock of Vine St to Broad St

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Normal work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7AM-5PM, with some weekend and night work.
- Traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction through the active work zone during weekday daytime work hours.
- During weekend or night work, one direction of traffic may be closed and detoured.
- Some cross streets with low traffic volumes will be closed between 3rd Ave and the nearest alley.
- Sidewalks will remain open, except where curb ramps are being replaced. In such cases, signed detours will direct pedestrians.
- Buses will continue to operate, although some stops will be temporarily closed or moved.