

# Construction Update

## First Avenue S. Rebuild Project: Stacy to Horton

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

### Final Paving Next Week!

Final paving on the project will take place at night (weather permitting) next week. The paving and striping of First Avenue between South Stacy and Horton Streets will likely take 4 nights to complete and is scheduled for 9/8 through 9/11 (Tuesday through Friday).

First Avenue South will be closed to traffic in both directions each night at 9PM and will be reopened no later than 6AM the following morning. The cross streets (South Stacy, Lander, Forest, Hanford and Horton Streets) will also be closed to thru traffic at First Avenue during these times.

### Detours During Paving

During next week's nighttime paving operations, both north- and south-bound traffic will be detoured around First Avenue South between South Holgate and Horton Streets using Fourth Avenue South.

Local access will be allowed along First Avenue South north and south of the construction zone — between Holgate and Stacy and between Horton and Spokane— but no traffic will be allowed between Stacy and Horton.

Drivers may also by-pass First Avenue South to the west by using East Marginal Way South (via South Atlantic Street and Spokane Street). In addition, South Occidental and Utah Streets— the non-arterials that flank First Avenue South— will remain open.

Uniformed patrol officers will be stationed at each intersection along First Avenue South during the paving operations to handle any difficulties.

### Metro Service During & After Paving

While paving is underway next week bus service that normally operates on First Ave S will be shifted to Fourth Avenue South in both directions along with general traffic. Overnight each of Tuesday through Friday nights, from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM, Metro will pick up and drop off customers along Fourth Avenue South between Edgar Martinez Drive South & South Horton Street. Once paving and striping is completed, the southbound bus stops just south of Stacy (in front of the SODO Center) and just north of Hanford will be reopened.

### Remaining Construction Activities

Some relatively minor construction work will need to be finished after the final paving is done and the street reopened to traffic. These activities may occasionally require the temporary closure of the curbside traffic lane in places, but should not interfere with either the driving lanes or the center turn lane. And as soon as this work is finished, likely within the week after paving is completed, parking in the curbside lane will be restored.

### Trees To Follow

The new tree pits will remain vacant for a few months yet since the new trees (American Hornbeams) need wetter weather than Seattle typically sees in September and early October. Once the trees are in place SDOT will keep them watered until they are well established.

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