

CAPITOL HILL CONSTRUCTION HUB

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In 2013, construction activity and permit applications in Seattle were on the upswing. Department of Planning and Development (DPD) Master Use Permits long awaiting funding began pouring in. Overall building increased. For example, in just the next year Seattle City Light has approximately 30 projects planned to support new development on Capitol Hill alone. Though often a positive economic indicator, construction can have negative impacts. To manage cumulative impacts, we're identifying areas with multiple public and private construction projects happening at the same time and in close proximity.

To help meet business and community needs during heavy public and private construction in these Construction Hubs, we've created a Construction Hub Coordination Team. The team will:

- Assess all project schedules together, to identify conflicts and minimize mobility and access impacts
- Establish reliable lines of communication with impacted communities

The review team is working on mapping systems to show upcoming and current mobility impacts from all construction within a hub – public and private, and in all phases. These details assessed holistically will help the team to develop navigation options as well as coordinate with project managers.

2014 Objectives

Goals of the Construction Hub Coordination Team include consistent collaboration to identify key staff available for support, offering an on-the-ground, real-time response.

CONSTRUCTION HUBS

- South Lake Union
- Central Waterfront
- North Westlake
- Capitol Hill
- Ballard
- West Seattle



Successful construction hub coordination depends on information and understanding. ***Input from those who live, work and play in the identified hubs is vital.*** As cumulative impacts are identified, we want to work with neighborhood organizations and business associations to find effective solutions.

The Construction Hub Coordination Team will work with communities to actively manage and minimize cumulative impacts. In 2014, we'll provide the following tools and services:

- Hub Coordination web page highlighting resources available to help
- Standardized communications regarding hub construction, for clear reliable notification
- Coordinated construction maps showing mobility impacts and best navigation for access
- Fact sheets with updated schedules, impacts information and route suggestions
- Single points of contact for each hub, linking concerns to Interdepartmental City Group
- Collaboration with business owners, community members and other stakeholders
- Encouragement to use impact-reducing construction methods wherever possible
- Education to prepare travelers and encourage hub area visits, for a thriving economy

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