

EMERGENCY WESTERN AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Construction update for February 26 to March 3

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 water service switches from a temporary water line to the new water main and when large cross water mains are connected. **Affected buildings have already been contacted by a Seattle Public Utilities Customer Service representative.** Thank you for your patience as with this critical emergency work.

WHAT TO EXPECT FRIDAY – SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26 – 28):

Equipment will move north on Western Avenue to Madison Street to connect a large crossing water main at Madison Street. Crews will temporarily move off of Western Avenue between Marion and Columbia streets. Over the weekend, customers should expect the following near Madison Street:

- Work will occur around the clock beginning Friday morning through early Sunday morning. Activities will include pavement breaking (daytime only), connecting services and using a saw to cut pipes, pumps and generators.
- Night work will occur on Friday and Saturday nights as crews connect some customers to the new water main. Increased activity, noise, and low lighting are expected near Madison 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.
- Vector trucks may be used intermittently throughout the project area during the day. Increased noise is expected.
- Madison Street will be reduced to one westbound lane Friday, Saturday and early Sunday morning.
- No work is anticipated to occur Sunday during the day.

WHAT TO EXPECT MONDAY – THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 3):

Work will continue on Western Avenue between Columbia Street and Yesler Way in preparation for service connections. Monday through Thursday, customers should expect the following in the project area:

- Work to connect customers to the new water main will begin at 5 a.m. each day on Western Avenue between Columbia Street and Yesler Way. This work has been scheduled early in the morning to reduce impacts from temporary water shutdowns.
- Work will include using a saw to cut pipe; increased noise is expected.
- Vector trucks may be used intermittently throughout the project area during the day. Increased noise is expected.

ACCESS AND PARKING

In order to complete the service connections 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 February 26 – March 3, customers can expect the following in the project area:

- Western Avenue between Spring Street and Yesler Way will be closed to vehicle traffic from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. One southbound lane will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 a.m. with some intermittent closures to accommodate work.
- Madison Street will be reduced to one westbound lane Friday, Saturday and early Sunday morning.
- 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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