Preparing for Light Rail Keeping Seattle Moving During Construction

Building new light rail in Seattle is a big project, and it requires close coordination between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle. To make sure construction goes smoothly and impacts are minimized on residents, businesses, and industries, we will work with Sound Transit to create Preliminary Construction Management Plans (plans) for each segment of the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions. These plans are a smart, proactive step to keep our city moving during construction.

Why Construction Management Plans Matter

The plans are essential tools to guide the construction process. They will help ensure light rail is built efficiently while keeping the city functioning for all travelers.

What the Plans Will Include:

- A detailed summary of the work required to build light rail
- A list of necessary permits
- A plan for how construction will be sequenced
- Information on street closures identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement
- A list of other major projects in the same area to avoid conflicts
- Locations for construction staging and haul routes
- Detour plans for people driving, walking and rolling, taking the buses, riding a bike, and driving a truck
- A designated point of contact for construction communication



Early Planning for a Smooth Process

By submitting these plans as part of the land use permit review, we can ensure that all forms of transportation are maintained throughout the project.

Final Plans Before Construction

Before construction begins, detailed final construction management plans will be required. This ensures every detail is addressed, and impacts are minimized.

Creating these plans is the right and responsible way to build Seattle's light rail. With clear strategies in place, we can keep the city moving while delivering the transit system our growing community needs.

