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Brace Point Cable Replacement Project: Community Meeting Questions

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS/STAGING

Q: How long will the delays be? We have been completely inconvenienced with the West Seattle Bridge, and further delays add to a long commute.

Crews will limit traffic impacts during construction. Flaggers and signage will be required to direct traffic through any construction areas. Customers will be allowed to travel to and from their homes during this project.

Q: Can you repost the map of affected areas but zoomed in? Will the work areas be staged? In other words, will one neighborhood be affected first and another later? Which area will crews dig first?

City Light's contractor plans to start work on 47th Avenue SW, near Maplewood Place SW. Construction will progress north towards SW 98th Street. Crews may be working in more than one area at a time, but they will limit traffic impacts and allow access for drivers and pedestrians that need to enter and exit the neighborhood.

City Light will post updates on the progress of this project on our website. Customers can also subscribe to our email list to receive periodic updates on the project. The updates will include completed and upcoming work areas.



Q: What about the Maplewood neighborhood? How will the new system tie into those homes?

The newly built system will still connect to the Maplewood neighborhood. The current configuration of this system connects the underground cables into the overhead wires in the Maplewood area.

Q: I'm an elderly/disabled person in a home that cannot walk down the street if the driveway is blocked. Will access be blocked all day on multiple days?

Crews will accommodate and work with homeowners if there are any driveway access issues during this project.

Q: 47th Avenue SW Has some noticeable settling in the 10400 block. Will this be addressed before or during construction?

The utility will address the settling at the end of construction during the permanent restoration stage. City Light is working with SDOT to ensure that affected streets are repaved, per SDOT specifications.

Q: We have a brand-new driveway. If you must tear it up, will you restore it?

Any driveway that is disturbed during the construction will be replaced in kind, per SDOT specifications.

Q: We are doing a construction project on the 10000 block of 51st Ave SW. Big trucks will need access in and out of the area. How will this work?

City Light's contractor will maintain access for trucks needing to enter and exit the neighborhood. Crews will work to limit traffic impacts where required.

Q: Will walkways be affected?

Some walkways may be affected during this project. Crews will restore walkways in kind, per SDOT specifications. During construction, the contractor will use signage to direct pedestrians.

PLANNED POWER OUTAGES

Q: How long are the power outages? Hours or days? How far in advance will we be notified?

Customers can expect planned power outages to occur towards the end of the project when crews connect the newly installed cables to the system. This planned interruption can take up to several hours to complete, depending on the location and amount of work required. Customers can expect to be out for several hours, but any disruption will not last a day.

Customers will be notified at least two to three weeks via a letter with the outage's date, time, and duration. We will inform customers in advance of any planned work so they can prepare for the outage. Some work may require shorter notice due to unforeseen circumstances or emergencies. Customers could receive a door hanger notice at least 24 to 48 hours in advance of that work.

SERVICE CONNECTIONS

Q: Do customers have to make personal updates to their homes?

Homeowners will not incur any costs associated with this project. City Light is upgrading the existing electrical system in this area at no cost to the neighborhood residents.

There may be situations where homeowners may want to upgrade their existing service or connect new services (new construction) to the electrical system. In these cases, they would be responsible for the costs associated with that work.

For additional information, please visit our Construction Services website at seattle.gov/city-light/construction-services.

Q: How is it determined that private conduits require replacement? Does the homeowner bear this cost? Would City Light's contractor replace the conduit? How likely will customers have to put in new conduit to our homes?

City Light is not replacing any private conduits to private properties as part of this project. The project scope includes the installation of new conduits, vaults, cables, and streetlights for City Light's underground system.

Most homeowners in this neighborhood have homes with direct buried cables that connect to City Light's system. It's unlikely that customers will need to install new electrical conduit for their homes unless the direct buried cable fails. In this case, the homeowner will need to install new conduit for their electrical service. This will be coordinated through a City Light electrical service representative.

Q: Will Comcast upgrade its cable as part of this conduit work?

City Light is not working with Comcast to upgrade any cables during this work. Any Comcast reliability work is separate from this project.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Q: What is the project cost?

City Light awarded the contract to Olson Brothers Excavating for approximately \$6.5 million.

Q: is this work at all related to the electrification of the Fautleroy ferry terminal? Are there ways to incorporate any ferry work to minimize the overall community impacts?

This project is unrelated to the Fautleroy ferry terminal electrification project.

Q: Who do we contact during construction if we have questions?

Please contact Lindsay Duke, Communications Officer, at (833) 350-2716 or communityoutreach@olsonbrothers.net. Visit our website at seattle.gov/city-light/in-the-community/current-projects/brace-point-cable-replacements.