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Columbia Avenue Redevelopment Project – Phase 2

Weekly Update

Over the last week, construction focused on water main testing and tie-ins to existing City infrastructure (which required water disruptions to businesses that were communicated and coordinated ahead of time), storm main installation, and patch paving. In the next week, you will expect to see:

- Day shifts from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the possibility of evening work, depending on construction progress and site conditions;
- Sidewalk and curb work to prepare for utility tie-ins between 18th and 21st Streets;
- Work increasing between 21st and 24th Streets with water main installation starting at 21st Street, heading south;
- The possibility of temporary, reduced water pressure;
- Continued patch paving between 18th and 21st Streets; and
- Milling work in the south end of the project.

Traffic

From April 12 to early May, northbound traffic will be detoured off Columbia Avenue to 6th Avenue from 24th to 20th Street. This is because Columbia Avenue is narrower through these blocks and maintaining two lanes of traffic next to the construction zone would compromise worker and public safety and reduce productivity. Southbound traffic will remain on Columbia Avenue. All Columbia Avenue businesses will remain open and accessible via the 6th Avenue detour. The detour ensures traffic will continue flowing and minimize delays.

During the detour, pedestrians and bikers should use 6th Avenue when traveling in both directions between 21st and 24th.

Drivers are asked to avoid blocking entrances to the Ambulance and Fire Halls to ensure timely response to emergencies.

All BC Transit stops on Columbia Avenue will be relocated to 6th Avenue effective April 10.

Did you know?

- This project includes the installation of 8 new fire hydrants and 2 new water fountains.

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