



Construction ALERT

LINK LIGHT RAIL

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Update on Beacon Hill Subsurface Voids

Background

Approximately one year ago, Sound Transit began the first phase of locating and filling nine underground voids, ranging in depths from 20 to 60 feet. Sound Transit's investigations and data analysis indicate that the voids were caused by the over excavation of materials during tunneling operations. The investigation further indicates that while the majority of voids have been filled, a small portion still remains unaccounted and additional work must take place to find and fill the remaining voids. The limited voids that remain pose no imminent danger to private property, land or structures, or to any City right of way.

Next Activities

Starting as early as Monday, July 19, Sound Transit will be back in the neighborhood to continue underground exploration and backfilling work near the Beacon Hill light rail tunnel. For approximately 2 months the following activities will occur:

- Single lane closure of 17th Ave S between S. McClellan Street and S. Waite Street. Northbound and southbound traffic will be able to travel in one lane with the assistance of flaggers.
- On-street parking will not be allowed on 17th Ave S during the drilling activities. Sound Transit will work with its contractor to remove the restrictions when work is not taking place.
- The east sidewalk of 17th Ave S between S. McClellan Street and S. Waite Street will be closed.
- Hours of operation in the street right of way will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Fridays.
- Drilling will also take place on private properties along 17th Ave S. Drilling on these properties can occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (If you have not been previously contacted by Sound Transit, drilling will not take place on your property).
- Heavy equipment, such as drill rigs (up to two at a time in various locations, even on private property), concrete/grout trucks and other support vehicles will be operating and parking on local streets during the operation.
- Moderate to heavy noise from the drilling activities.

These upcoming activities will be the first phase in the current work plan of exploratory operations to find and fill the remaining voids. The subsequent phases of the work plan focus solely on private property. Again, if you have not been previously contacted by Sound Transit, no work will be on your property.

Sound Transit is committed to working with the property owners in this neighborhood and we appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions or would like additional information on this matter or the Beacon Hill Station in general, please contact Jennifer Lemus, Sound Transit Community Outreach, at 206.398.5314 (work) or 206.423.1407 (cell). She can also be reached by e-mail at Jennifer.Lemus@soundtransit.org.