

**PROJECT UPDATE**

**AUGUST 3, 2017**

**NEW: TRAFFIC SHIFT UPDATE**

As expected, **traffic is shifting to the west side of High Street** between Vine and Goodale streets beginning **Aug. 9** (weather permitting). Please follow signs to route through the area. Previously, traffic traveled in the area closest to the Convention Center; now it will travel closest to the block that includes Martini Modern Italian, Denmark on High, Novak's Tavern and Barley's Brewing Company. Note: valet service for Martini Modern Italian will be shifting to the bagged meters along Vine Street.

Please be cautious walking, biking and driving in the area as there are multiple construction crews and work zones within this urban corridor.

**BETWEEN VINE AND GOODALE STREETS**

- You'll continue to see sidewalk pouring work at intersection corners.
- Removal of existing traffic signals also continues. New foundations for new signal poles are being poured in preparation for new signals to be in place in three to four weeks.
- The majority of utility undergrounding work has been completed underneath the west side of High Street and overhead lines are going underground in a few weeks.
- With the switch in traffic flow to the west side of the street, crews will move to working on the east side of the street, beginning with digging and installation of storm sewer there. There are noticeable noise impacts involved with these tasks, just as there were when the crew worked on the other side of the street.
- Walkways continue to be open alongside the buildings on the west side of the street for easy access to your favorite bars and restaurants.

**NEW: 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE OPENS, KING AVENUE CLOSES**

Beginning Aug. 5, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will re-open between High Street and Courtland Avenue, and crews will close King Avenue between High Street and Dennison Avenue. Crews will be conducting work to underground utilities in that area. The road is expected to be closed until Sept. 6.

**Rerouting:**

- Expect greater than normal vehicle traffic on side streets
- Use 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the detour for King Avenue to the south, and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the detour to the north

**BETWEEN 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUES**

The team will be hard at work installing Silva Cells (modular blocks that are filled with soil for landscaping), new conduit for utilities and storm sewer. Watch for an increase in foot traffic as the student population grows in this area throughout the month of August.

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Estimated construction schedule: May 15 – Oct. 27

An overview of the project and additional information is always available at [columbus.gov/highstreet](http://columbus.gov/highstreet)

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