

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**OCTOBER 27, 2017**

### AT VINE STREET

The intersection buildout at Vine and High streets continues, pacing for completion Nov. 3. Remember that the North Market parking lot and Vine Street garage both remain accessible. Re-route from the west on Vine Street by turning northward onto Park Street (just before North Market), then travel up to Goodale Street, turn right (eastbound) and connect to High Street.

### BETWEEN VINE AND GOODALE STREETS

- Workers are hanging lighting, running wiring and installing new signal heads that will soon tie into the new system. Power will be switched over late next week to the new signals and this will not cause power disturbances to businesses or residents. Similarly, temporary lighting will soon come down and transitions will be made to the new permanent structures.
- Sidewalks on the west side of High Street between Vine and Spruce are being finalized in the next five to six working days.
- Milling and repaving on High Street, one of the final steps in Streetscape project work, is set for the week of Nov. 6.
- Landscaping work, including the planting of trees, will occur as soon as the leaves fall, and new trees are able to be transplanted without harming their lifespan. A timing update will be provided as this date becomes known.

### NOISE IMPACTS

Noise impacts have lessened during intersection buildout activities. Expect to encounter traditional safety/backup alarms, concrete trucks, and small- to moderate- sized construction equipment noises.

### NATIONWIDE SIGNAL REPLACEMENT

Signal replacement continues on schedule at the corner of Nationwide Boulevard and High Street. Most work is being accomplished along the curb lanes. Expect work to wrap up by the end of November.

### **NEW:** BETWEEN W. STARR AND E. SECOND AVENUES

Beginning this Monday, Oct. 30, work to underground utilities in select spots will begin along High Street between W. Starr and E. Second Avenues. Performing this work now helps to accomplish important preliminary steps before weather necessitates these activities stop in the coming weeks and prior to the start of the 2018 construction season when the majority of Streetscape work in this area (called Phase 2) will occur.

These activities will be completed by November 17, prior to the peak holiday shopping season.

More information:

- Expect some excavation in the middle of the roadway, but not excavation of the full width of the street. This work also entails digging into sidewalks, again in select spots, to relocate utilities. Businesses in this area are being contacted with further details.
- Meters on High Street in this block will be bagged for up to three weeks. The construction crew will remove bags from meters as they progress through work steps and are able to do so safely.

- Excavation work during this timeframe will cause greater noise impacts at times. This will be followed by periods of lesser noise for buildout.
- The first tasks of this work will begin along High Street next Monday. The following week, work will move to E. Second and W. Starr. avenues and should no longer occur on High Street.

### **ART ON HIGH**

Thanks to your involvement and feedback, the Art on High team has begun to identify potential locations for new public art installations along High Street. Final plan recommendations will be presented in late fall 2017. Visit [artonhigh.org](http://artonhigh.org) to learn more.

### **OTHER DEVELOPMENTS**

See below for updates on construction activities unrelated to the Streetscapes project also occurring in the corridor.

### **BETWEEN HULL STREET AND EAST HUBBARD AVENUE**

Beginning Nov. 6, work will get under way at 800 North High Street – a new private development project being built on the east side of High Street. The far east lane of High Street will be closed and all east-side meters between Hull Street and East Hubbard Avenue will be bagged. The four meters on East Hubbard Avenue will be bagged and the sidewalk on the south side of this road will be closed to pedestrians to accommodate needs of the work zone and maintain safety.

Pedestrian access to businesses in this area will be fully maintained. These restrictions will be in place for approximately 19 months throughout the build-out, with completion slated for May 2019.

### **AT THE CONVENTION CENTER**

Work at the turnaround located at the south end of the Greater Columbus Convention Center is nearing completion. Expect this project to wrap up by mid-November.

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Estimated construction schedule: May 15 – Nov. 10

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

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