

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**NOVEMBER 3, 2017**

### **NEXT WEEK: MILLING AND PAVING**

One of the final steps of Streetscape project work is the milling and repaving of High Street. In this phase, it'll occur between just south of Vine Street to Goodale Street. Expect these activities to occur throughout the week and cause a rolling road closure for a few hours at a time. Similarly, as asphalt cures, roads will re-open in a similar rolling fashion. Milling and paving activities will produce some noise impacts. These will be louder than traditional hand-held equipment noises, but not as loud as excavation noises.

### **FINAL ACTIVITIES BETWEEN VINE AND GOODALE STREETS**

- Intersection work at Vine and High streets is wrapping up and Vine Street will be open to traffic this afternoon. Also, this afternoon, brick pavers will be installed on the crosswalks crossing High Street. This will be complete by Monday.
- Lighting and signal work continues as workers make their way through accomplishing these tasks throughout the work zone. Keep in mind that when power is switched over in the coming days to new signals, this will not cause power disturbances to businesses or residents.
- After milling and repaving is finished, a few auxiliary tasks will be accomplished but project work will be substantially complete. This means that all big equipment will be moved out of the area and the road will be open to two lanes of traffic each way. There will be spots of activity, and therefore orange barrels and partial lane closures, but these will be far less extensive and last for limited amounts of time through the remainder of the calendar year.

### **NOISE IMPACTS**

Noise impacts have lessened and will remain at lower levels the remainder of the calendar year. Traditional safety/backup alarms and small- to moderate- sized construction equipment noises can be expected.

### **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.

### **SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS IN 2018**

Two project items are being performed now to accomplish important preliminary steps before weather necessitates these activities stop and prior to the majority of Streetscape work in the Phase 2 project area – from W. Poplar Ave. to E. Second Ave. next year.

#### **Between W. Starr and E. Second avenues**

Work to underground utilities in this area is moving on schedule with the first portion of work to be complete late today.

Additional information:

- Expect equipment to remain in place on High Street over the weekend. On Monday, crews will move the equipment to W. Starr and E. Second. When equipment moves, meters on High Street will get unbagged and meters on W. Starr and E. Second will get bagged.
- East-west foot traffic on E. Second and W. Starr avenues will have some re-routing during the week, but at least one side of the street will be walkable at all times.
- These activities will be completed before November 17, prior to the peak holiday shopping season.

### **Basement work**

This week, construction crews began doing structural integrity and concrete work at select buildings where basements reach into the public right-of-way. Work in 2017 is currently expected to occur on the east side of High Street between E. Russel and Brickel streets.

- Crews have begun at Second Sole where work will last for approximately five days. Late next week, the crew will move next door to Happy Greek, and, if time permits before peak holiday season, Jacob Neil will be the last business to experience these activities in 2017.
- Pedestrians will be able to access the outside half of the sidewalks nearest the roadway between E. Russel and Brickel streets as crews work tight against the buildings or inside the buildings on these tasks.
- The COTA bus stop in front of Happy Greek restaurant has moved northward a few feet to the bagged meters in front of Big Fun and Rose Bredl.

### **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 early 2018. Visit [artonhigh.org](http://artonhigh.org) to learn more.

### **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

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

### **NEXT WEEK: WORK BEGINS AT 800 NORTH HIGH STREET**

Beginning Monday, 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 will be completed early next week. Expect to see work crews and construction equipment move out mid-week.

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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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