

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

NOVEMBER 10, 2017

BETWEEN VINE AND GOODALE STREETS

- Milling and repaving, one of the final steps of the Streetscape project wrapped up this past Thursday.
- Final striping of the roadway will begin on Monday, November 13, weather permitting. Expect rolling lane shifts during this time and this task to take two to three days to complete.
- Signal work is nearly finished. In the past few days, you may have noticed some lights coming through underneath bagged signals. Power will be fully switched over in the coming days to these new signals, and this will not cause power disturbances to businesses or residents.
- Project work will be substantially complete next week. All big equipment will be moved out of the area in the days afterward and the road will be open to two lanes of traffic each way.

FINISHING FINAL ACTIVITIES

Final construction activities, often referred to as “punch list items” will be completed over the coming months. Expect spots of activity and therefore partial lane closures on occasion. These will last for limited amounts of time.

- Due to production timing issues, street lighting will be finalized in January. Expect the new street lights to be activated very shortly after installation. Afterward, an excavator will be on site for one to days in total to remove sidewalk around the existing temporary signal poles as these are removed.
- Tree installation will occur over the winter months, as the trees go dormant and are safe for transplanting from the nursery.

NOISE IMPACTS

Noise impacts have lessened and will remain at lower levels.

NATIONWIDE SIGNAL REPLACEMENT

Signal replacement continues on schedule at the corner of Nationwide Boulevard and High Street. Expect work to wrap up by the end of November.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR 2018

Two project items are being performed now to accomplish important preliminary steps before the majority of Streetscape work in the Phase 2 project area – from W. Poplar Ave. to E. Second Ave. – next year. For these items, city contractors are only permitted to perform work prior to and after the peak holiday season. They have a blackout period that spans through January 3, 2018.

Between W. Starr and E. Second avenues – Underground utility work

Work to underground utilities in this area has moved on schedule and is finishing up today.

NEW: At W. First and Price avenues – Underground utility work

Work to underground utilities next moves to West First and Price avenues. Starting this coming Monday, November 13, West First Avenue will be closed between High and North Wall streets. In addition, Price Avenue will have

limitations to traffic, but remain open to one lane of traffic that is maintained by a flagger. As a result, you'll see three meters bagged on Price.

Expect both of these road limitations to persist for a full week with work set for completion Friday, November 17.

Basement work

Last week, construction crews began doing structural integrity and concrete work at select buildings where basements reach into the public right-of-way. Expect to see some sidewalk limitations that allow pedestrians to walk on the half of the sidewalk closest to the roadway while crews work tight up against the building.

- Work at Second Sole is finishing up today; next week the crew will move next door to Happy Greek restaurant with work wrapping up there by November 17. The COTA bus stop in front of Happy Greek restaurant has temporarily moved northward a few feet to the bagged meters in front of Big Fun and Rose Bredl.
- Crews are also working on the west side of High Street between West Poplar Avenue and West Millay Alley. Here, there is work being done in the basement of the building housing Marcella's, Three Dog Bakery, Star Jewelers on High and The UPS Store. Expect this work to wrap up this coming Monday, November 13.

Thank you to all businesses and building owners involved! You have kindly allowed the city and construction team to inspect what's needed and are working with them through timing considerations conducive to your operations.

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 to learn more.

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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

AT 800 NORTH HIGH STREET

Work is under way at 800 North High Street. The far east lane of High Street is closed and all east-side meters between Hull Street and East Hubbard Avenue will be bagged. The four meters on East Hubbard Avenue are bagged and the sidewalk on the south side of this road is closed to pedestrians to accommodate needs of the work zone. 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 substantially complete. Work crews and construction equipment will begin to move out next week.

An overview of the project and additional information is always available at columbus.gov/highstreet

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