Surface water pipe installation along Jefferson Ave and S. 19th St begins in May 2022

Starting as early as May 16, crews working for the City of Tacoma Jefferson and Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor Project will install a new 60-inch surface water storm drain and watermain. Once complete, crews will restore the roadway along Jefferson Ave. This work will help to improve existing storm, sewer and system capacity, help reduce flooding events, and support sustainable future growth in the downtown area. See reverse for a full project map.

Location
Work will occur along Jefferson Ave between S. 17th St and S. 19th St. See map for approximate work location.

Schedule
Construction is expected to begin as early as May 16. We expect construction activities to take up to 5 months to complete. Work will occur weekdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., though some night and weekend work may be required. Note that the start date, duration, and work hours are subject to change due to permitting, weather, and other factors.

What to expect during construction
- Heavy construction equipment, loud construction noise, dirt, and vibrations
- Full street closure and parking restrictions along Jefferson Ave. Please follow detour signs.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained on Jefferson Ave and S 19th. See walking detour route on the map above.
- Back-in parking along Jefferson Ave will be closed in the work zone during construction. However, access to the UW parking lots (highlighted in the map above) will be maintained.
- Bus stops on Jefferson Ave between S. 17 St and S. 19th St will be closed during construction.
- Crews will return to restore the roadway once the pipe and watermain construction is complete.
About the project

Construction crews working for the City of Tacoma are installing a large diameter surface water interceptor pipe and a new outfall into the Thea Foss Waterway. All work will occur in city right-of-way along S. 19th St, Jefferson Ave, S. 17th St, Prairie Line Trail, S. 15th St and A St, and Dock Street. This work is anticipated to be complete by fall 2022.

Increasing stormwater and wastewater capacity downtown will provide opportunities for economic development and operational improvements within our community. For example, local residences and businesses will experience increased protection against property damage caused by flooding and system support for potential population and service growth. Following project completion, drivers will experience fewer traffic disruptions caused by flooding in the downtown Tacoma.

To sign up for project updates

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