



City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Construction Notice

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Coming to the Home Stretch on the West Lake Union Improvement Project

You have probably noticed that work is winding down on Westlake Avenue North and the project is nearing completion. The project team is excited to be moving forward on the inspection for completed portions of the work. Some parts of the project are still ongoing, including landscaping and placement of artwork. Landscaping still to be completed includes plantings south of Highland Avenue, at Newton Street, and at the retaining walls. Artwork, consisting of sidewalk inserts, handrails and benches, will be installed in October and November.

As part of a related but separate project, crews from Seattle City Light will be installing new conductor cable in conduit running under the east side of the street on Westlake Avenue North beginning in October. The new cable will be installed between Nickerson Street and Aloha Street. The far east lane will be closed in small sections while crews are working in that lane. Traffic controls will be in place. This new cable will upgrade the capacity and reliability of the Seattle City Light system in the South Lake Union, Queen Anne, and Interbay areas. Work will take place off and on through the first quarter of 2004.

Upcoming Work on the Fremont Bridge

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will be replacing the deteriorated **Fremont Bridge** approaches (the elevated roadways at each end of the bridge) beginning in mid 2005. The project team has begun design work and community outreach on the project. Expect to hear more from the team in the upcoming months. For more information, see www.seattle.gov/transportation/fremontbridgeapproaches.htm, call SDOT Project Manager Rob Gorman at (206) 233-7205, or send e-mail to robert.gorman@seattle.gov

Some General Impacts:

Limited and sometimes **no parking** in the specific areas under construction; periodic limited access; lane closures and traffic flaggers on Westlake Avenue North

During construction, impacts to the surrounding community and through traffic are to be expected. The City of Seattle requests patience and cooperation from travelers and residents. City departments will work with the community in efforts to minimize impacts and disturbances. Due to the nature of construction, schedules are likely to change. City departments will keep the community informed of the most current schedule.

For more information on the West Lake Union Improvement Project, contact: Mara Rogers, SPU Project Information Specialist, at 206-615-0866 or mara.rogers@seattle.gov
Please check out the website for construction updates at www.cityofseattle.net/westlake.