

Willamette River Crossing

Eastside traffic and access management

Between the Willamette River and SE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard



The Willamette River Crossing project will deliver water to the west side of the river, even after an earthquake. The improvements we're making will enhance our water system's resilience and reduce future risks, ensuring safe and abundant water for generations to come.

This two-year project will require road closures, lane shifts, and detour routes for people who use and travel through the area. We will continue to work hard to minimize impacts by sharing advance notification with details around what to expect during construction. Work will begin in early 2023 and take up to two years to complete.

Work zones

Construction will occur in different segments on both sides of the river. Each segment requires different construction methods and traffic planning. Not all segments will be under construction at the same time. This fact sheet provides traffic and access information specific to the west side of SE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Please visit our website to view traffic impacts on the east side of SE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard:

portland.gov/water/WRXconstruction



Traffic impacts and detours on the west side of SE MLK Blvd

Crews will install a new water pipeline using open-cut trenching in the city right-of way. This work will require street closures, lane shifts, and detours to accommodate different phases of construction. The steps for installing a water pipe include saw cutting, saw excavation, installing a new water pipe, connecting the new pipe to the existing system, testing the system, backfilling, and restoring the roadway. Crews will cover trenches with metal plates to allow travelers to pass when work is not happening. Parking lanes will remain closed to stage construction equipment and materials throughout construction.



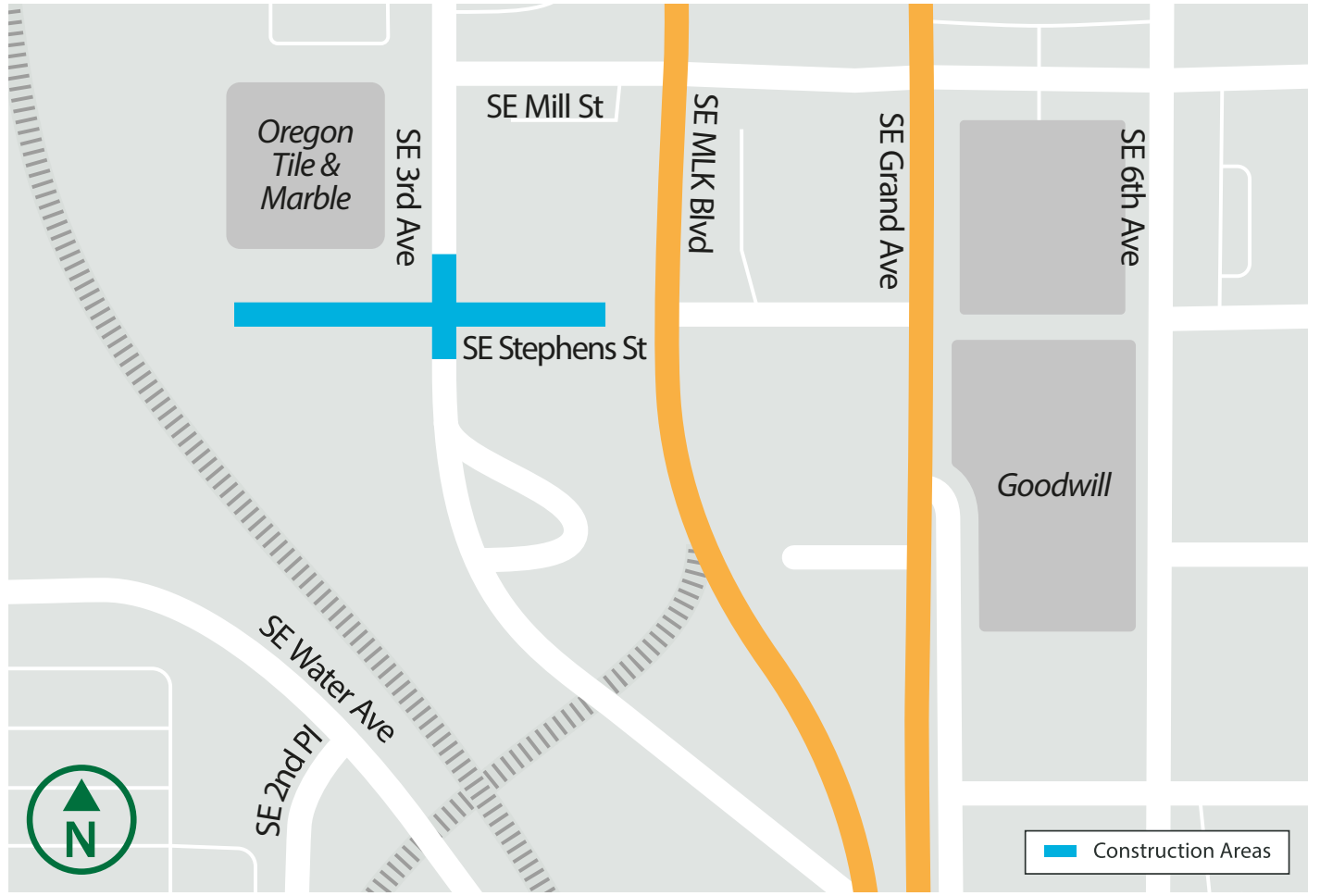
SE Stephens Street between SE 3rd Avenue and SE MLK Blvd

Construction will occur intermittently between summer 2023 and fall 2024.

Crews will close SE Stephens Street, west of SE MLK Blvd, to open-cut trench and connect the new pipe to the existing system. Local access will be maintained. The next page shows work zones and traffic stages during construction.

Partial and full lane closures on SE Stephens Street between SE 3rd Avenue and SE MLK Blvd

Stage 1: Street closure on SE Stephen Street at SE 3rd Avenue



Stage 2: Lane shift on SE 3rd Avenue at SE Stephens Street



Stage 3: Lane shift on SE 3rd Avenue at SE Stephens Street



30-day street closure on SE 3rd Avenue

The timing of this work will be determined in winter 2023. Advance notice will be provided.



What to expect:

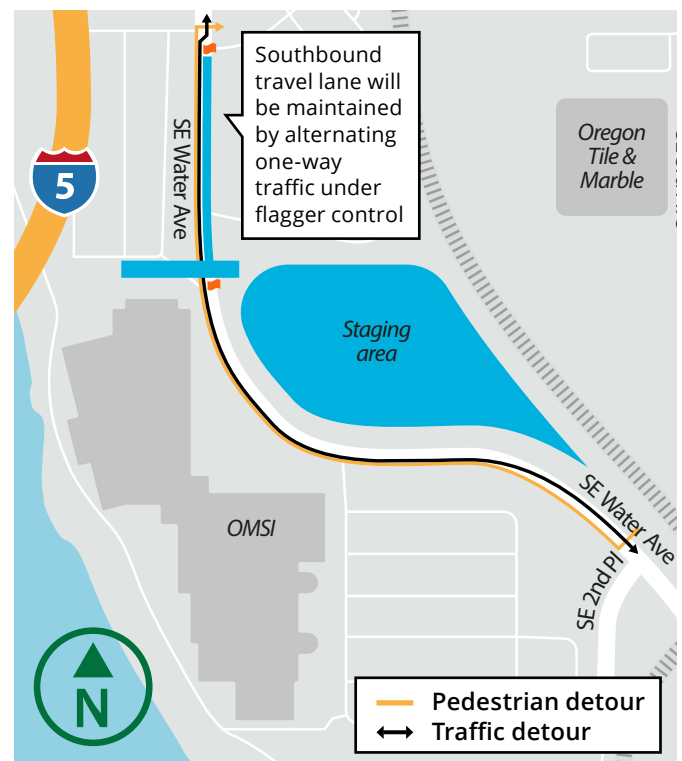
- Crews will need to close SE 3rd Avenue to traffic for up to 30 days during construction.
- **Traffic detour:** If crews need to close the intersection at SE 3rd Avenue and SE Stephens Street, traffic will be detoured at SE 3rd Avenue and SE Mill Street to head southbound or eastbound, and at SE 3rd Avenue and SE Grand Avenue to head northbound or westbound.
- **Pedestrians:** Pedestrian routes will be maintained where possible. If pedestrian routes need to close, a detour route will be provided.
- **Accessibility:** Accessible ramps will be installed at raised medians.
- **Parking closures:** Parking lanes will be restricted in the work zone.
- **Bicycles:** Bicyclists will continue to share the road with motor vehicle traffic.
- **Business Access:** Access to businesses will be maintained.
- **Roadway Access:** Roadways will be opened to the extent possible when construction activities do not impact them.

Lane closure and traffic shift on SE Water Avenue

Construction will occur intermittently between winter 2023 and fall 2024.

Crews will use open-cut trenching to install a vault on the east side of SW Water Avenue. Work on SE Water Ave will take approximately one to two months. Not all work will happen at one time. Crews may work at night to reduce impacts to adjacent businesses. During construction, the northbound travel lane will be closed. The southbound travel lane will be maintained to two-way traffic under flagger control. The southbound lane will extend from the Portland Community College south parking lot entrance to just north of SE 2nd Place.

- Pedestrian routes will be maintained where possible. If pedestrian routes need to close, a detour will be provided.
- Access to businesses will be maintained.
- When bike lanes cannot be maintained, a bike detour will be in effect.
- Roadways will be opened to the extent possible when construction activities do not impact them.
- Truck traffic will travel into and out of the staging area.





Heavy machinery will be used to excavate trenches during open-cut construction.

What to expect during construction:

- Typical weekday work hours are 7 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Minimal night and weekend work will be required.
 - Lane restrictions will occur during active work periods. Local access will be maintained when feasible.
 - Pedestrian access will be maintained using detours when sidewalks and walkways are temporarily closed.
 - Safety barriers will include signage and fencing.
 - Parking will be restricted.
 - The contractor will work with businesses and vendors to ensure delivery access.
 - Bus stops may be temporarily relocated.
 - Emergency access will be maintained at all times.
- *Start date, duration, and work hours are subject to change due to permitting, weather, and other factors.*

Being a good neighbor

Keeping community members informed is a priority for us during this work. We will continue to communicate with residents, businesses, and interested groups to help minimize construction impacts. Some of the ways we will share the information you need to plan ahead include:

- Community meetings and briefings
- Regular email and text message updates
- Flyers at your door
- Signage around your community
- Social media updates
- A construction information hotline
- Prompt, individualized responses to inquiries

For more information

- Visit the website: Portland.gov/water/wrx
- Email us: wrx@portlandoregon.gov
- Call us: 503-823-7499

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