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RE: SE/NE 7th Avenue Neighborhood Greenway Improvements Coming Soon

Dear Central Eastside Neighbor,

In spring or summer 2023, contractors with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) will construct a segment of the SE/NE 7th Avenue Neighborhood Greenway. This project will improve bicycling and walking with a new connection along SE/NE 7th Avenue between SE Washington and NE Everett streets, connecting to the Blumenauer Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge.

These project elements were rescheduled from 2022 due to contractor availability and weather. Notification also occurred last summer with similar information about this upcoming installation.

I am writing to you directly as the project will result in traffic operations and parking changes to several streets in the area, including:

- Parking removal on the north side of SE Washington between SE Sandy and SE 8th.
- Traffic operational changes on SE Washington between SE Sandy and 8th (one-way eastbound only for motorized vehicles).
- Traffic operational changes on SE 7th approaching SE Stark in both directions (right turns only for motorized vehicles).

Construction consists of striping, signing, and reflective wands at select intersections to discourage cut-through traffic. In addition, visibility and crossing safety will be improved by removing parking near intersections. A map and graphics illustrating these changes and further details are on the reverse side.

The project will result in improved safety for people walking and bicycling and a stronger connection between the Central Eastside and Lloyd neighborhoods.

Construction is expected to begin as early as May 2023 but may begin later in the year. Learn more and sign up for construction updates at portland.gov/7thNG.

Thank you,

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NE 7th Avenue Neighborhood Greenway Improvements and Changes

**SE Stark Street at SE 7th Avenue**

- Vehicles traveling north and south on 7th Avenue will be required to turn right at SE Stark.
- Vehicles traveling east and west on SE Stark will be able to continue straight or turn right onto 7th Avenue.

**SE Sandy Boulevard at SE 7th Avenue/SE Washington**

- A paint and post median island will be installed to help pedestrians and people bicycling cross Sandy.
- Future improvements will make this crossing permanent with a concrete median island.

**SE Washington Street from SE Sandy Boulevard to SE 8th Avenue**

- SE Washington will become one-way for eastbound vehicle traffic.
- Eastbound traffic on SE Washington will be required to take a right at SE 8th.
- A westbound bike lane will be installed on the north side of SE Washington. Parking on the north side of the street will be removed.