

## LAWRENCE AND TYLER STREET PROJECT NOTIFICATION

June 4, 2024

Greetings Uptown Property and/or Business Owners,

You are receiving this project notification letter as a property and/or business owner within 300 feet of the project area for Lawrence and Tyler Street construction in the Uptown Business District. The attached map illustrates the project limits. Please read this letter carefully as it contains pertinent information about the upcoming project and impacts to pedestrian and vehicle use along the project corridor. Also, please feel free to share this letter with anyone you know who may be interested.

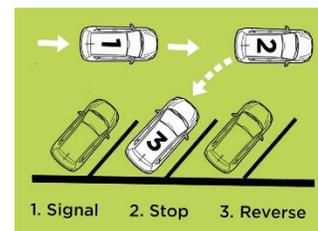
### Project Overview

The City was pleased to receive two separate State of Washington grants that provide funding to make needed transportation improvements, like new paving and sidewalks, and to install ADA compliant wheelchair ramps on Tyler & Lawrence Street. The City has received great support for these projects as they will remove barriers to access businesses, the Community Center, the Library, and the Farmers Market in Uptown.

You may have noticed some painting on the street over the last few weeks. The paint on the street on Lawrence and Tyler Streets represents the preliminary layout of street improvements intended to accomplish the following objectives. Generally, the new sidewalks will be like our downtown sidewalks (at each of the intersections within the project area).

### Project Objectives

- Repave Tyler Street between Lawrence and Jefferson Streets. The pavement is rapidly deteriorating, and this is an opportunity to prevent complete pavement failure which is costly to address.
- Tyler Street will also receive sidewalk repairs between Lawrence and Clay Streets on the west side of the street. Tree roots have caused tripping hazards along the sidewalk in front of the businesses. Wheelchair ramps in this section will also be replaced to facilitate safe passage for those using assistive devices like wheelchairs and walkers.
- The City Council approved head out (back in) angled parking on Tyler Street to replace the angled parking currently present. Head out parking is much safer for bikes and pedestrians using this busy section of Uptown.



- Lawrence Street between Harrison and Tyler Streets will primarily focus on installing bulbouts (sidewalk extensions) at the street corners. The bulbouts are a proven way to make walking safer when crossing the street and help slow down cars.
- Lawrence Street sidewalks are being brought up to specifications for American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance as a pre-requisite to paving. The City is pursuing additional grants to reconstruct pavement on Lawrence Street since it is also needed badly. We hope these funds become available in the next couple of years. Paving will be easier and less costly once the sidewalks are completed.
- The bulbouts will incorporate landscaping swales and room for tree planting. Nine trees need to be removed on Tyler and Lawrence where tree roots are damaging side sewers and buckling the sidewalk. Thirteen new trees in species that are more appropriate for sidewalk infrastructure will be planted.
- A new bus stop to support those experiencing disabilities and other transit riders will be installed at the northwest corner of Lawrence Street. All other bus stops in the area will remain and bus stops will not be closed during the project period.
- Parking stall count changes are typically a question we get when parking is impacted. Staff and the engineering consultants are working hard to minimize impacts to parking. Currently many motorists park illegally in no parking zones adding to visibility and safety concerns. This project will make illegal parking challenging and there are a couple of stalls that are planned to be eliminated on Lawrence Street near Tyler Street to support a new bus stop as requested by Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH).
- This project will also replace up to two regular parking stalls with marked ADA accessible stalls.

## Project Timeline

This project must be constructed this summer to meet grant deadlines and pave the street when warm weather permits. Staff expects construction to ramp up in August and be completed in October. Some work will be done in advance by City and PUD crews or contractors to prepare the worksite and there will be sidewalk closures in spot locations where work is occurring. The streets will not be closed apart from a few paving days. However, the Farmer's Market does plan to relocate to a nearby block during the project period starting in August. They will announce their new temporary location and dates for the move on their website and other channels. As we learn more details about the schedule, we will keep the public posted.

## Our Partners

This project was made successful through support of PT Main Street, Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH), the Jefferson County Farmers Market, Local 2020 Transportation Lab, and Jefferson County Transit. These partners will continue to help get the word out early and often to the community, along with our City communications.

We understand that construction has impacts to businesses and residents and we ask for your patience, grace, and support this year. The webpage listed below has a lot of additional information along with visuals. Please refer to this website and do not hesitate to contact the City with any questions you may have. Laura Parsons and Steve King will be the lead staff and can be reached by email at [lp Parsons@cityofpt.us](mailto:lp Parsons@cityofpt.us) or [sking@cityofpt.us](mailto:sking@cityofpt.us).

If you have ideas for how you can support this project, please let us know. Please refer to and stay up to date as the project develops on our Tyler & Lawrence Street webpage: [cityofpt.us/engagept/page/lawrence-and-tyler-streets-project](http://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/lawrence-and-tyler-streets-project)

Thank you,



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### Lawrence and Tyler Street Project Limits

