

The Discovery Road Project – Construction wrapping up!



We're almost done with construction -- so this is the last Discovery Road Project newsletter! It comes from the City of Port Townsend's Engineering Department and provides information about the Discovery Road Bikeway, Roadway, and Sidewalk Project. You are receiving this newsletter because you own property that is within 300 feet of the project or have asked to be added to the mailing list.

Schedule Update

The project is scheduled to finish in **June 2024** (date subject to change):

Date	Task
June 2024	Striping (crosswalks, centerline, stop bars...etc.)
June 2024	Landscaping and irrigation
June 2024	Streetlight installation
June 2024	Bus stop shelter installation
Saturday June 15, 2024	Ribbon cutting celebration

Upcoming Construction Activity

June will bring a flurry of final activity to the project zone. The scheduled activities include striping the street and bikeway, the placement of a temporary irrigation system, planting the landscaping, the installation of streetlights, and the installation of bus stop shelters. There will also be final project clean up and moving out of equipment.

Speed Limit

The speed limit along the Discovery Road corridor is 25 mph. To report a speeding incident, please call the Police Department's dispatch non-emergency number at 360-344-9779. Calling this number is the most efficient way for the speeding to be addressed because an officer will be assigned to the call. If reported when the speeding is observed, the officer may be nearby and can respond at the time the call is made.

Fences

What to build: If you would like to put up a new fence after the project, please contact the City's Planning and Community Development Department to get the most current fencing requirements, as these requirements vary by zoning. Contact Robin Hill at rhill@cityofpt.us or Amber Warren at awarren@cityofpt.us to find out what is needed for your particular fence. Depending on what you build and how high, you may need a building permit. Visit our website to learn more about fence construction in Port Townsend, or you may request this brochure at City Hall:

https://cityofpt.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning_and_community_development/page/8190/information-fence_handout_faq.pdf

Where to build: To determine where to place your new fence, so that it is not accidentally built in the public right of way, you may review parcel information shown on Jefferson County's website: <https://gisweb.jeffcowa.us/LandRecords/>. To obtain legally binding property line locations, please hire a licensed surveyor to stake your property lines. For more information, you may contact KT LaBadie, the City's Code Enforcement Officer at klabadie@cityofpt.us or 360-379-5094.

Landscaping

The landscaping plan was developed with input from the City of Port Townsend Parks Department staff and the Parks Recreation, Trees and Trails Advisory Board (PRTTAB). Plants were identified which are beautiful, low-maintenance, and deer-resistant. The landscaping will be watered by a temporary irrigation system which is designed to last approximately three years. The first year after planting is called the "plant establishment period", and during this time, the landscaping subcontractor will be responsible for maintaining the wellbeing of the new plantings. After the plant establishment period ends, the property owners will be responsible for the landscaping adjacent to their property, per current City codes. If you are unsure who maintains what areas, please submit a citizen concern at: <https://cityofpt.us/administration/page/concern-code-violation-reporting-process>. The design intent is that the landscaping will not interfere with visibility or block any road signs. For anyone interested in reading the project plant list, please refer to the plan set on the City's webpage. The plant list is on sheet 52:

https://cityofpt.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public_works/page/6251/discoveryroad_bidplans.pdf

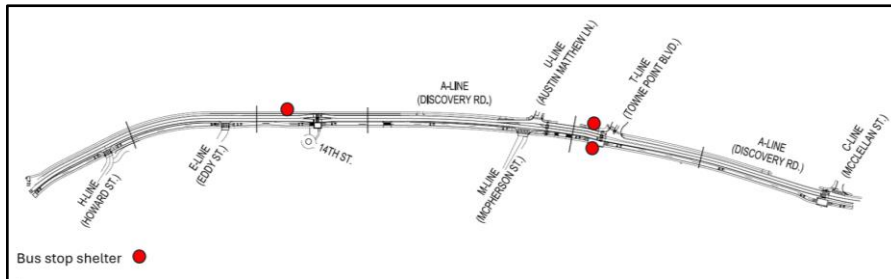
Green Bikeway Markings

What do the green markings mean that will be installed along the Discovery Road corridor? Green markings are used to raise motorist and bicyclist awareness to potential areas of conflict -- for example at driveways or intersections. Dashed green is used when the bikeway crosses an intersection. Solid green is used at driveways that cross the bikeway.



Buses and bus stop shelters

Jefferson Transit will install three new red bus shelters along the Discovery Road corridor. The new shelters have a bench posted Jefferson Transit schedules, and an area for riders using mobility devices to wait in a covered place. If you notice a problem with a bus stop shelter, please contact Jefferson Transit customer service at 360-385-4777 (option #1) or email custserv@jeffersontransit.com.



The roadway design intends for the buses to stop in the lane. In-lane stops are considered a road safety feature, because cars cannot accelerate around the bus, potentially hitting a disembarking passenger or other pedestrian. In-lane stops also slow down traffic, making the road safer for all. In-lane stops generally range from thirty seconds to two minutes, depending on the riders. For example, riders climbing onto the bus results in a 30 second stop. On the other hand, a rider using the bus wheelchair lift or bus bike rack may require a stop that takes up to two minutes.

When construction is complete, bus routes along Discovery will resume their regular service, with the eastbound #3 bus running hourly between McPherson and Sheridan, and the westbound #4 bus running every half hour between Sheridan and Rainier Street.

Streetlights

The new streetlights have been delivered to the Public Utility District (PUD) and are ready to install. It takes six months to order a street light pole and two months to order the lights. During installation, the PUD’s contractor will either use an auger or vacuum truck to dig the hole for the pole. Then the pole will be set in place with a derrick digger. Each streetlight placement is unique, but typically it takes about four hours to install a streetlight including wiring. Once installed, the streetlights will immediately be energized and ready for service. If you observe a streetlight is out, please call the PUD’s main number at 360-385-5800.



Ribbon Cutting Celebration

You are invited to celebrate the completion of the Discovery Road Project!

On **Saturday June 15th 2 – 4 pm**, there will be a **ribbon cutting celebration** and other festivities adjacent to the intersection of McClellan Street and Discovery Road. Bring your family and friends to bike, roller skate, and walk the new Discovery Road corridor! Meet the funding agencies, construction team, the design team, and your neighbors – all who put in so much work and endured many disruptions to their routines in order for this project to happen! We can't thank you enough for your support and patience during this remarkable project.



DISCOVERY ROAD
Ribbon Cutting Celebration
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THIS
REMARKABLE NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS PROJECT!

**SATURDAY
JUNE 15, 2024
2:00 PM**

City of Port
Townsend

Come to the party using all your modes
of movement! Skates, bikes, scooters,
rollerblades, dancing shoes, unicycles...

In partnership with  The
Production
Alliance

on the lawn
AT THE SAN JUAN
BAPTIST CHURCH
1704 DISCOVERY RD

Food
Drinks
Community
Music
Games



Project Contact

If you have questions about the project, please contact the City's Discovery Road Project Manager, Laura Parsons, P.E. at lp Parsons@cityofpt.us or 360-774-3017.