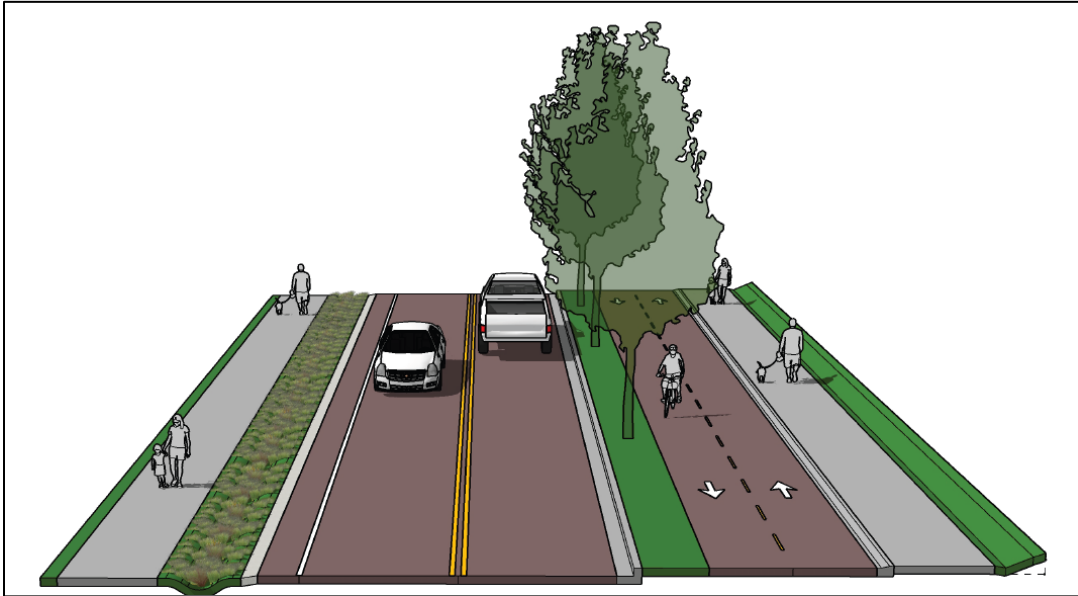


The Discovery Road Project

...coming soon



This newsletter is 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 signed up to receive emails about this project on the City's website.

Schedule Update:

City staff is excited to announce that construction start up is now in sight! Seton Construction, Inc., located at 4640 S. Discovery Rd., Port Townsend, WA 98368, has been awarded the contract. They plan to begin construction on or around **Monday October 9, 2023**. The project will take about seven months to construct, which means we will likely finish the project in late spring of 2024.

Construction Stages:

The project will generally follow these stages:

- Demolition (removal of signs, old asphalt and concrete, trees and shrubs, old power poles)
- Upgrade/Replacement of underground utilities (water/sewer/stormwater)
- Compacting and leveling the corridor subgrade in preparation for surface materials
- Concrete installation for sidewalks/driveways
- Asphalt installation (bikeway and roadway)
- Signing and striping installation
- Landscaping

This list is shown in the order the construction stages happen (there is usually some overlap between stages).

Draft Construction Schedule:

During construction, determining what date certain tasks will occur can be a moving target. Every activity builds on the last one, and any delay due to unforeseen events can affect the whole chain of scheduled tasks that follow. Staff will do their best to keep citizens informed of changes to the schedule, and also feel free to ask for updates anytime. (See contact information below.) Currently the construction schedule looks like this:

Task	Date(s)
Construction start	10/09/2023
Demolition, utilities, subgrade work	Fall – Winter 2023
Concrete work (sidewalk/driveways)	Winter-Spring 2024
Asphalt (road/bikeway)	Spring 2024
Landscaping	Spring 2024
Construction complete	Spring 2024

Construction Hours:

Under Section 9.09.040.B.1.a of the Port Townsend Municipal Code, construction noise is permitted weekdays 7 am to 6 pm. On rare occasions, if something for construction needs to happen outside these hours, a noise variance is applied for with the Planning and Community Development Director.

Construction Team:

The entities primarily responsible for executing construction of this project are the contractor (Seton), the construction management firm (SCJ Alliance), and the Engineering Department for the City of Port Townsend.

- Seton will be hauling in material, running equipment and doing the actual construction.
- SCJ Alliance will manage the daily logistics of the project, including inspections, reporting, hosting weekly construction team meetings, and approving materials.
- The City will manage the finances of the project, coordinate the construction team, respond to citizen concerns about the project, and generally keeps the community updated on the project schedule and milestones that have been reached.

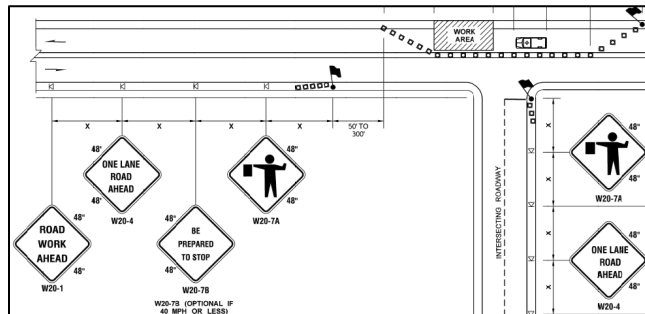
Astound Undergrounding:

You may notice some activity on Discovery Road prior to the start of construction. Astound will be undergrounding their communication lines by directional boring under Discovery Road. Once this work is completed, the poles for overhead utilities can be removed.



Traffic Control During Construction:

In order to accommodate construction activities, traffic patterns will temporarily be modified on Discovery Road. Traffic control will be managed by certified flaggers who have received training on how to direct traffic and set up construction signs properly and safely. Flagging can be a difficult job because one is on one's feet for long hours in all sorts of weather and subjected to grumpy drivers' attitudes. Please be patient with our project's flaggers -- they are working to keep you safe while passing through the construction zone.



Sample view of a traffic control plan sheet for the Discovery Road Project.

The following is an outline of the traffic control plan for the Discovery Road Project:

- Discovery Road will be open to traffic during construction.
 - Traffic through the active work zone(s) along Discovery Road will be restricted to one-way traffic managed by flagger control.
- Access to side roads will be maintained during construction;
 - Traffic through the active work zone(s) at intersections will be restricted to one-way traffic for side roads managed by flagger control.
- Lane closures will not be allowed on holidays, weekends, after 5 pm prior to a holiday or holiday weekend, or before 7 am on the day after a holiday or holiday weekend.
- Access to driveways will be maintained during construction.
 - Driveway reconstruction will be phased for properties with multiple driveways so one driveway is open at all times.
 - Driveways reconstruction will be phased for properties with one driveway by building the driveway in halves so one half is open at all times, where feasible.
 - For narrow driveways where phased construction is not feasible, the driveway will be closed for ~1 week. The property owner will be given 2 weeks of notice prior to closure.
- There will be no detours required for larger sized vehicles.
- Impacts to bus or transit routes/stops will be coordinated with those agencies with advance notice.
- Changeable message signs will be used at times to convey messages to vehicles traveling near or through the construction area.

Staying Connected:

You are encouraged to keep up to date about the Discovery Road Project in the following ways: City website, email updates, utility newsletters, project newsletters and social media. This newsletter will be sent out every other month while the construction project is underway.

Email Updates:

City staff will send out periodic email messages, like this one you are receiving. If you would like to update your email address, please go to: <https://cityofpt.us/newsletter/subscriptions>

Website:

Review newsletters and background information about the project by visiting the City's website at: <https://cityofpt.us/publicworks/project/discovery-road-bikeway-and-sidewalk-project>

Project Contact:

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

