

The Discovery Road Project – Construction Ongoing



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:

The project schedule has a finish date of **May 2024** (date subject to change):

Date	Task
Mid-January to Mid-May	Sidewalk construction
January 2024	Installation of underground utilities
Early February 2024	Permanent closure of 14th Street intersection
2/20/2024	In front of school (ramps, sidewalk, raised crossing)
Mid-March 2024	Bikeway paving
3/21/2023	Start of westbound lane closure (north side of street)
Mid-May 2024	Street paving
Mid-May 2024	Striping and sign installation
Late May 2024	Construction complete

Please keep in mind that these dates are approximate, and will be dependent on many factors, including the winter weather.

Upcoming Construction Activity:

In the coming weeks, Seton Construction will be installing stormwater pipe. They will also place new water and sewer lines, as well as conduit for bringing power to the future streetlights.

Construction Hours Reminder:

Under Section 9.09.040.B.1.a of the Port Townsend Municipal Code, construction noise is permitted weekdays **7:00 am to 6:00 pm**. On very rare occasions, if construction work needs to happen outside these hours, the contractor will apply for a noise variance with the City of Port Townsend Planning and Community Development Director.

Trails:

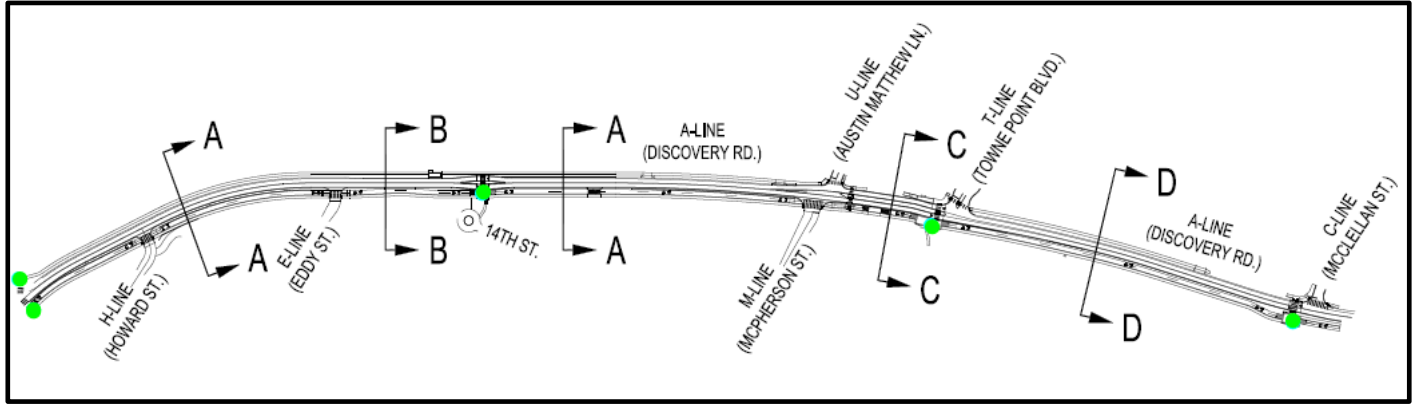
There are several well-used public trails that intersect with Discovery Road within the work zone area. While construction is underway, these trails will be kept open for public use as much as possible. There may be some instances when trails are temporarily closed while heavy equipment is working at that location. Signs will be placed to let the public know when the trails are not available. Please use caution when using trails through this area. No trails will be permanently closed as part of this project.

Mixing Zones:

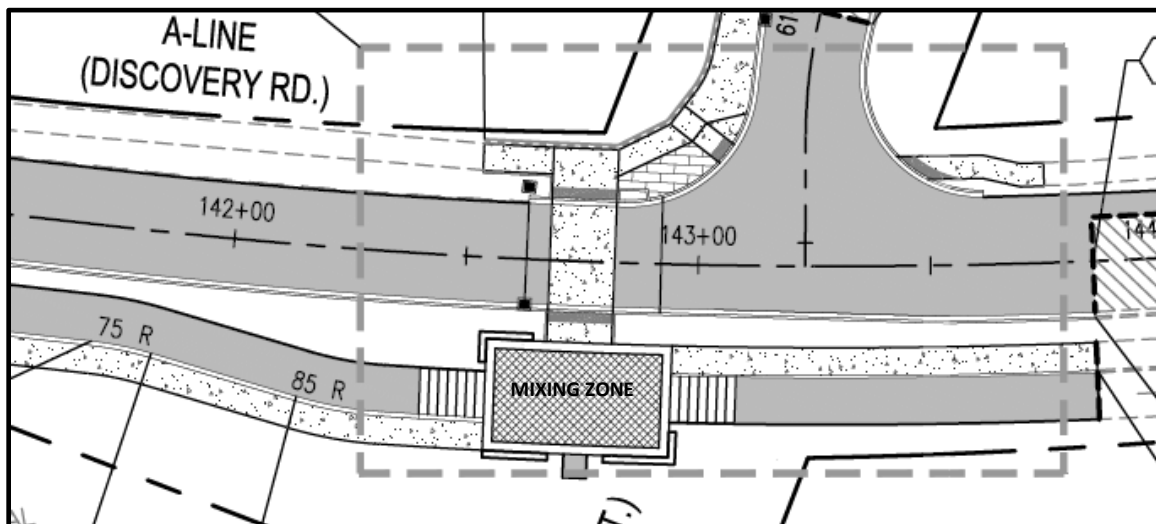
There are a few points along the project corridor where the path of travel for bicyclists and pedestrians will intersect. These points are called “mixing zones”. At these locations, it will be important for cyclists to move slowly and for pedestrians to be aware that bicycles could be present. To remind users to be mindful of others, the mixing zones will have a distinct surface pattern and the borders will be pigmented. They will look similar to this:



Example image of a mixing zone.



There will be five mixing zones (green dots in image) along the project corridor.



Example from the project plans of a mixing zone design.

Additionally, there is one more mixing zone being constructed in front of Salish Coast Elementary School. This one will not have the mixing zone surface pattern or pigmented border, like the others. At the school mixing zone, there may be a future street art project completed in collaboration with the students and faculty. The art would highlight it is a mixing zone instead of the surface pattern and pigmented border.

Reminder about Traffic Pattern During Construction:

Until **March 21, 2024** (date subject to change), the eastbound lane of Discovery Road (going into town) will be closed so the contractor can safely work on that side of the road. All adjacent property owners will still have access to their driveways, as will any neighbors who live on side streets connected to Discovery Road. Traffic coming into town on Discovery Road will either detour at the roundabout towards Upper Sims Way or will detour heading east on 14th Street. Traffic will be westbound only on Discovery Road between 14th Street and McClellan Street (going out of town). There will be message boards, signs, and flaggers that will help direct traffic. Please drive slowly and carefully through the project zone.

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 two months to adjacent property owners and others who request it.

- **Email Updates**

City staff will send out periodic email messages about the Discovery Road Project. If you would like to be added to the email list, please sign up at: <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 lp Parsons@cityofpt.us or 360-774-3017.

