

T-117 Residential Yards Cleanup Update (Yards, Planting Strips and Alleyway)

- Cleanup of yards ongoing; will continue into April 2013
- Alleyway cleanup expected in February and early March
- T-117 Hotline 1-877-999-T117 (8117) available during construction

Residential Yard Cleanups

Residential Yard cleanups began on S Cloverdale St. in early December and will continue until soil has been removed and replaced in eight yards near T-117 (S Dallas St. to S Donovan St. – 14th Ave. S to 16th Ave. S) and those yards have been replanted. The construction and restoration is taking about two weeks for each yard. The T-117 team has been working closely with each property owner to make sure the inconvenience is kept to a minimum and their yards are restored. Nearby businesses, community leaders and other residents are also being contacted about possible construction impacts.

The project requires the use of some truck-mounted equipment that can be noisy so the City and its contractor NRC Environmental Services are working with local businesses and residents to best accommodate their schedules. While the noise levels are all acceptable under City noise ordinances, they still can be very disruptive.

Cleanup efforts will impact street parking in the area. Truck-mounted machinery, a sani-can and health and safety equipment must be parked near each yard during its construction. The City requires the workers to park away from the cleanup areas and so while it may appear the crews are taking up street parking, the project vehicles are actually a necessary part of the cleanup process. Parking restriction signs are posted at least 72 hours in advance.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we move the project forward as quickly as possible and complete construction in the coming months.

Planting Strips and Alleyway

Cleanup of the planting strips on S Cloverdale St. is occurring at about the same time as the yard cleanups and therefore parking is being restricted as the crews move the length of the planting strips on S Cloverdale. The planting strip on the south side of S Cloverdale will take somewhat longer because crews need to work around utilities located on that side of the street.

Cleanup of the southern alleyway between S Cloverdale St. and S Donovan St. between 14th and 16th streets will begin in late February 2013. Portions of the southern alleyway will be closed during construction, and property owners will be kept up-to-date on access issues before and during construction. Residents that currently use the southern alleyway to access their garages or parking spaces will be asked to park on the nearby paved surface streets during the alleyway cleanup.

2014 Adjacent Streets and Stormwater Work

Design work is under way on both the street and the stormwater system replacement projects (scheduled for 2014). Several City of Seattle departments (Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light) are working together to make sure the street reconstruction project goes smoothly and includes opportunities for community involvement. Soil testing completed during yards cleanup (12 test pits in the surface of Dallas Ave. S and boreholes drilled in S Donovan St.) will be used to test physical properties of the subsurface soils. Work in 3 locations will begin in January and the remaining locations will be studied in February and March as shown on the attached map.

Construction Hazards

Yard cleanup construction activities in a populated neighborhood can become a curiosity for those who want to watch the work progress. However, it is important for everyone to stay clear of the construction zone and obey posted signage. If you are curious about the project, please don't approach the workers or the construction zone. There are a number of ways to get more information about the project:

T-117 Construction Hotline

A special telephone hotline has been established for use during construction periods at T-117. Calls to 1-877-999-T117 (8117) will be answered during construction hours (generally 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.). The hotline is designed to answer questions specifically about the construction or report any problems with noise, dust or other inconveniences. Residents should call 911 to report any safety or health emergency.

Website Available for More Information

The Community Involvement Plan for Adjacent Streets and Residential Yards Area Cleanup and the Community Health and Safety Plan are available on the T-117 website (www.t117.com). The website also contains more information about the entire T-117 project as well as technical documents, maps and answers to frequently asked questions.

Questions? Call us!

Barbara Smith, Public Involvement Consultant
Harris & Smith Public Affairs
206.343.0250 or barbara@harrisandsmith.com

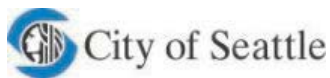
Mary Mitchener, Seattle City Light Project Manager
City of Seattle
206.826.4421 or mary.mitchener@seattle.gov

Piper Peterson, T-117 Project Manager
Environmental Protection Agency
206.553.4951 or peterston.piper@epa.gov

Community Resource: James Rasmussen,
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition
206.954.0218 or james@duwamishcleanup.org,
www.duwamishcleanup.org

T-117 Hotline 1-877-999-T117 (8117)

The City of Seattle (City) and Port of Seattle (Port), under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are leading the cleanup of Terminal 117 (T-117). The T-117 cleanup is a part of the overall Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site. Under EPA's direction, the Port is leading the cleanup work that includes the riverbank and sediments and land next to the river. The City is leading the excavation, soil removal and replacement of residential yards and the cleanup of adjacent public streets and the installation of a new stormwater treatment system.



S:\sea\A0006_Lower-Duwamish_Various\A0006_15\PubOutreach\Working_MXD\Fig1_StreetStormTest_01092013.mxd 1/9/2013 3:07:31 PM



Figure 1.
 Streets/Stormwater Testing Locations
 Lower Duwamish Superfund Site - Terminal 117 Early Action Area