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Terminal 117 Neighborhood Cleanup Update (Yards, Planting Strips and Alleyway)

What's new?

- Soil testing for stormwater infiltration and stability planned for S Dallas and S Donovan streets in October
- Northern Alleyway sampling results received – replacement not needed
- Contractor selected for yard, planting strip and alleyway work
- Yard cleanups expected to begin in October
- Community Involvement Plan and Community Health and Safety Plan available for review

Soil test pits planned for S Dallas and S Donovan – to Support 2014 Adjacent Streets and Stormwater Work

Test pits will be dug in the surface of Dallas Avenue S and boreholes drilled in S Donovan Street to test physical properties of the subsurface soils. Three test pits – measuring 3'x6' and about 4' to 7' deep – will be excavated. Two test pits will be located on 16th Ave S between Dallas Ave S and S Donovan Street. The third test will be located in the fenced area at Dallas Ave S and S Donovan Street. The pits will be open for only as long as it takes to measure water infiltration rate, generally less than 24 hours, and then be filled to street grade as soon as possible. During the testing – traffic will be briefly rerouted and traffic cones, barriers and temporary fencing will ensure safety near the test pits. Contaminated material will be removed and disposed, and will be replaced with imported fill.

Both the upper and lower portions of S Donovan between Cloverdale and 17th will also be affected by testing to evaluate reconstruction options for the cleanup between the upper and lower lanes of S Donovan Street. Traffic safety measures will be in place while heavy equipment is working in the area.

Northern Alleyway results

There is no need to cleanup or replace the right-of-way located between S Cloverdale and S Dallas we refer to as the northern alleyway. The soil samples collected in August indicate that PCB concentrations are below the cleanup standards. The southern alleyway between S Cloverdale and S Donovan will be cleaned up based on previous sampling.

Yard cleanups schedule

The City of Seattle has selected a contractor for the yard, planting strips and alleyway cleanup. NRC, the contractor, will be working with the T-117 project team over the next few weeks to get up to speed on the project. The cleanup of yards, planting strips and southern alleyway is anticipated to begin in mid-to-late October. Property owners have been directly involved in the cleanup design for their yards and planting strips. The sequencing of the cleanup areas has not been finalized.

Community documents available for review

The Community Involvement Plan for Adjacent Streets and Residential Yards Area Cleanup is available for review on the T-117 website (www.t117.com). The Community Health and Safety Plan is currently under review by community leaders and available for community review. It will also be available on the T-117 website when finalized.

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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.

