S WASHINGTON ST CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

TREES ON S WASHINGTON ST TO BE REMOVED & REPLACED

As early as Friday April 5, SDOT will be removing Linden trees on S Washington St between Alaskan Way S and 1st Ave S because they are root bound and unstable. New trees will be planted in their place.

After removing the sidewalk and street surfaces, it was discovered the trees on this block were planted in small, inadequately prepared tree pits with poor soils and no structural roots outside the tree pit leading to instability concerns. Additional scientific assessment and testing confirmed the trees' instability, necessitating their removal.

We will replace the undersized tree pits with larger planting areas to support future trees of similar size and scale. This will allow for proper soil volume to support healthy trees, following modern urban forestry practices.

We recognize the significance of these trees to our community and are committed to ensuring that their replacements contribute positively to the landscape. We will follow up with more information on the replacement tree type and timing.

WHERE:

 S Washington St between Alaskan Way S and 1st Ave S.

WHEN:

 As soon as Friday, April 5 through Friday, April 12 for removals; new tree installation timing late spring or early fall.

QUESTIONS?

For questions about the tree evaluation and removal process, please contact SDOT Urban Forestry, 206-684-TREE.

CONTACT US

If you have questions or would like more information about the Waterfront Seattle program, please call, text, email or visit our website.

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Recently planted trees on Alaskan Way between Madison St and Spring St. Similar planter areas and trees are coming to Pioneer Square.

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