

Northeast 116th Closure

Q: Is this trail closed?

A: No the trail is still open for the public to use. Please continue to check back with us for the latest updates on the trail closure.

Q: When will this close?

A: As early as late September of 2019. Sound Transit is working with Seattle Department of Transportation to finalize traffic control plans. Sound Transit will provide advance notification once the closure date is established, through station area specific email updates, trail closure webpage and A-boards.

Q: Why will the Northeast 116th Street pedestrian/bicyclist trail be closed?

A: To ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists during Sound Transit's Link light rail construction, the NE 116th Street pedestrian/bicyclist trail will be closed for various construction activities which include

- Demolition of structures (see map)
- Clearing and grubbing
- Construction of the guideway that will carry trains from Northgate to Lynnwood

Q: What is the duration of this trail closure?

A: Closure of the NE 116th trail will be permanent. The guideway in this areas changes from aerial (columns) to at-grade (retaining wall), similar to guideway being constructed just south of Northgate. Sound Transit will be constructing a retaining wall and guideway for the Lynnwood Link light rail through the 116th trail. Sound Transit plans include a new pedestrian/bicyclist trail at NE 115th Street crossing under the new light rail aerial guideway.

Q: When will the new pedestrian/bicyclist trail located on NE 115th Street be open for the public to use?

A: Sound Transit is working with its Contractor to minimize the time between closing of the existing trail and opening the new trail, while maintaining worker and public safety. The trail is anticipated to open in early-2022.

Q: What is the sequence of construction activities in this area?

A:

1. Clearing and grubbing
2. Structure demolition
3. Aerial guideway south of 115th and at grade guideway north of 115th
4. Construction of new trail, including walls, lighting and drainage
5. Site restoration
6. This area will also be used for construction staging through the duration of the project

Q: How do I stay informed?

A: You can stay informed by visiting soundtransit.org/116th where Sound Transit is providing the latest updates on the NE 116th pedestrian/bicyclist trail closure.

Q: Where are the best detour routes?

A: Sound Transit has identified the best possible detour routes to choose from that meets Seattle Department of transportation's expectation for all bicyclists and pedestrians.

The following crossing street routes are (see map):

- Northeast 130th Street
- Northeast Northgate Way
- Northeast 92nd Street