

Stride Bus Rapid Transit S3 Tree Removal Outreach Plan

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For internal discussion only

Overview

Sound Transit is planning to conduct tree removal activities on 8th Avenue NE between NE 145th Street and NE 147th Street beginning as early as September 10, 2024. Tree removal is occurring now to relocate transmission poles and prepare for future S3 construction activities. This work will require a daily road closure of 8th Avenue NE at NE 145th Street with local pedestrian access maintained for up to 4 working days; access will be restored every day. Sound Transit plans to coordinate closely with partner agencies, adjacent owners, property managers and tenants and provide notifications to ensure they are aware of the schedule and anticipated impacts.

Outreach strategies

- Phone notifications: Members of the outreach team will call residents, tenants, and property managers to discuss the work plan, schedule, and anticipated impacts. They will also collect contact information to distribute updates and notifications leading up to the work.
- Email notifications: The outreach team will distribute flyer notifications to residents, businesses, and property managers through email.
- Inter-agency coordination: Sound Transit will notify agency partners early in the planning process to share resources and information about this work.
- In-person flyering: The outreach team will distribute flyers in-person to residences, businesses, or stakeholders.
- Demonstration protocol: Due to increased demonstrations and gatherings near the tree removal site, the outreach team, in coordination with other partners on the fieldwork team, will develop a safety and outreach protocol for determining when to move forward and/or halt work in the event of nearby activity.

Outreach timeline

Schedule	Activities
July 16-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and review draft outreach schedule• Research/confirm adjacent businesses' contact information
August 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notifications distributed 3 weeks prior to start of work.• Share work schedule and anticipated impacts with general traveling public and agency partners.• Share look ahead schedule and work details with residents, businesses, or stakeholders.• Flyer/notice the actual trees for removal 14 days prior per Shoreline Permit Requirements.



Week of September 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electronically distribute flyer notifications to businesses and residents.
Week of September 9	Work begins September 10-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share status updates with adjacent residents, as needed
September 13	Work ends September 13 (tentative) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share status updates with adjacent businesses, as needed

Overall Stride tree removal information

High-level talking points below about trees on Stride, please refer to the Stride BRT factsheet for more information.

- Sound Transit only removes trees and/or vegetation that is not compatible with project needs.
 - ST evaluates tree conditions and assesses their ability to withstand potential effects from the project.
 - We have explored other alternative solutions to reduce overall number of tree removal.
 - For example, we have changed sidewalk or driveway designs in specific areas along the S3 corridor.
- During construction, Sound Transit contractors will remove approximately 59 trees on the S3 corridor.
 - We will use protective fencing around the tree protection root zone, provide supplemental irrigation for impacted trees, and employ specialized techniques to minimize root and canopy disturbance.
- Final landscaping designs will feature a mix of native and non-native plant species.
- Sound Transit is committed to building regional transportation systems that are sustainable and accessible. The entire transit system expansion will reduce greenhouse gas emissions annually by 793,000 metric tons. This is equal to:
 - Sequestering the carbon equivalent to growing more than 20.5 million tree seedlings for 10 years.
 - Burning more than 89 million gallons of gasoline.
 - Powering the electricity for more than 117,000 homes annually.

Flyering radius

Members of the outreach team will distribute flyers to the homes highlighted in the graphic down below, approximately 42 residences.



Additional stakeholders notification

Stakeholders that may not be directly impacted by these activities but have a general interest in these activities will receive courtesy notifications.

- Shoreline Area News
- Save Shoreline Trees
- Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association



Draft stakeholder email

To: XXX

From: brt@soundtransit.org

Subject: Sound Transit Stride BRT: Upcoming road closure at NE 145th and 8th Ave NE for tree removal activities

Attachments: Tree factsheet and construction alert

Good morning/afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well.

I'm writing to inform you about upcoming tree removal activities scheduled to take place in early September at the intersection of NE 145th St and 8th Ave NE. Attached to this email, you will find a tree factsheet and a construction alert that provide detailed information about the planned activities.

Sound Transit understands the importance of trees in the communities we serve, they contribute to the environment and overall well-being of our communities. Over the year's we have made several design changes along the corridor to reduce the number of trees that need to be removed. Please rest assured that we only remove trees that are in direct conflict with the project's requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these activities, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

In partnership,

Alison

{Signature block}

Draft construction alert language

Road closure at NE 145th St and 8th Ave NE for tree removal activities

Beginning as early as, Tuesday, September 10, Sound Transit crews will close 8th Ave NE at the intersection NE 145th St in Shoreline for tree removal activities. Crews will remove **seven** trees on the southern corner of the intersection in preparation for upcoming construction activities for S3. The road will be closed to vehicle traffic but maintain pedestrian access during work hours. Access will be restored at the end of each day. Signage will be placed along the detour route on 6th Ave NE.

What

Road closure at NE 145th St and 8th Ave NE in Shoreline.

When

Tuesday, September 10 through Friday, September 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More info

- Leave early and allow extra time to reach your destination.
- To learn more about Sound Transit's tree removal process visit: [URL](#).
- Dates and times are subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen issues.



Commented [GE1]: We will have a URL to the tree removal in the electronic version.

Contact us

More project info: soundtransit.org/system-expansion/stride-bus-rapid-transit

Contact us: brt@soundtransit.org or 206-689-4947

Communications protocols

