

February 12, 2020

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager *PAD*
SUBJECT: Upcoming Fourth Street Work and Traffic Impact

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on several ongoing and proposed/planned building renovation projects on Fourth Street in the Central Business District over the next few months. Additionally, Duke Energy Ohio has upcoming underground work planned that will replace gas main pipe along nearly all of Fourth Street.

The items below outline the location, traffic impact and timeline for each project.

The City Administration is proactively working with the various stakeholder groups potentially affected by these various projects to help minimize traffic impact throughout the busy Fourth Street corridor. Traffic information will be shared via the City's various social media platforms including the City of Cincinnati website.

2020 Ongoing and Proposed Fourth Street Projects

- *Fourth & Race Development (Pogue's Garage)*

Description: Barricade of the north curb lane and sidewalk from Elm to Race Streets for building construction and streetscape.

Time Frame: Ongoing. The garage is scheduled to open in May 2020, with partial closures in place until the building opens. The Fourth Street sidewalk in this area will remain closed until 2021.

- *Ingalls Building – Northeast Corner of Fourth & Vine Streets*

Description: Building renovations require the closure of the east curb lane and sidewalk at Vine Street.

Timeframe: Ongoing. The project is on pace for completion in October 2020.

- *Fourth & Walnut Center – Southeast Corner of Fourth & Walnut Streets*

Description: This project is the proposed renovation of the Fourth & Walnut Center. It requires the closure of the sidewalk and curb lane of Fourth Street and the sidewalk on Walnut Street.

Timeframe: No start date scheduled. DOTE staff meeting with developer 2/10/20.

- *Duke Gas Main Replacement*

Description: Duke Energy Ohio has permits to replace its existing gas main and services along Fourth Street between Central Avenue and Sycamore Street.

Proposed Timeframe: The project began in January 2020 with work on Sixth Street, moving onto Sycamore Street in February and onto Fourth Street in March/April. It should be completed in fall 2020.

- Vault Access at Fourth and Plum

Description: Duke Energy Ohio has applied for vault access on Fourth Street near Plum Street. The project will include adding communications equipment in the vault and replacing the roof.

Proposed Timeframe: Timeline is to be determined. It will take about four weeks once planned.

- *Tire Discounters – Southwest Corner of Fourth & Elm Streets*

Description: This project is for building renovations. It requires the closure of the sidewalk and curb lane of Fourth Street. Closures may move to the Elm Street frontage as the Duke project progresses and the east walk of Elm reopens.

Timeframe: Ongoing. The project is scheduled for completion in October 2020.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering