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Traffic Alert

Fifth Street between Vine & Walnut to Close For Weekend Rail Installation

CINCINNATI – Crews will be installing track for the Cincinnati Streetcar on Walnut Street through its intersection with Fifth Street this weekend. The work will require the closure of Fifth Street between Vine and Walnut beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 6, to 6:00 a.m. Monday, March 9. Two lanes on Walnut will remain open through the intersection.

Motorists traveling on Fifth Street will be detoured north at Vine, eastbound on Seventh, south on Walnut and eastbound again at Fifth. See the attached map for detour information. Also noted on the map are road closures and lane restrictions related to major construction and other projects taking place downtown and at The Banks.

Detour signage related to the track work on Walnut and Fifth streets will be posted. Pedestrian access will be maintained with instructional signage posted, as needed.

Metro's Government Square will remain open, though stops at the northwest corner of Fifth and Walnut will be closed. Bus stop detour signs will be posted at affected stops. Riders should check Metro's website and Twitter page for more information: www.go-metro.com and @cincinnati-metro.

Meanwhile, streetcar crews continue to prep the area farther south on Walnut through its intersection with Second Street. The stretch of Walnut between Second and Freedom Way is closed to through traffic periodically during the day until at least March 6, as crews excavate and prepare for the installation of track where Walnut curves into Second. Local access is maintained. Area lane restrictions remain in place near the site.

For questions about streetcar construction, contact Dave Krusling at dave.krusling@cincinnati-oh.gov or 513-352-3479.

A speaker's bureau also is available. Contact Ursula Miller to schedule a presentation at ursula.miller@cincinnati-oh.gov, or 513-352-3417.

About The Cincinnati Streetcar

The Cincinnati Streetcar is a modern streetcar rail transit system intended to stimulate development, expand transportation options, and enhance livability by connecting key communities in and around the center city. The system, which is scheduled to begin passenger service in September 2016, consists of a 3.6-mile loop extending from The Banks to Findlay Market through Downtown and Over-the-Rhine.

Construction for the Cincinnati Streetcar is being carefully coordinated by the City of Cincinnati with its contractor, utility companies, Metro, and other partners to minimize disruption to residents, businesses and workers along the route. This transportation system seeks to bring more residents and more jobs to Cincinnati, creating a broader tax base to fund city services.

Information Updates

Construction schedules can change due to weather or unforeseen field conditions. For the latest information on construction affecting Downtown streets and sidewalks, check RoadmapCincy:

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