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## Traffic Alert

### Lane Restrictions on Walnut and Sixth for Streetcar Track Work

**CINCINNATI** – Track construction for the Cincinnati Streetcar will resume in the Central Business District on Walnut Street beginning at 9:00 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12. Crews will cut out existing pavement and dig the trench for track between the intersection of Sixth and Walnut south on Walnut to just past the entrance/exit for the Fifth Third Center garage at Fountain Square.

“The work will take place during non-peak traffic hours next week to reduce the potential for congestion in this busy area of downtown that includes the Aronoff Center for the Arts, the Contemporary Art Center, restaurants and the 21 C Hotel,” said John Deatrick, streetcar project executive.

One lane of westbound traffic on Sixth Street through the Walnut Street intersection will be maintained 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily to accommodate construction crews. One lane of southbound traffic will be maintained on Walnut Street.

Metal plates will be placed over the work site at night. Access to area businesses and parking garages will be maintained at all times.

On-street parking on Sixth Street between Walnut and Main will be prohibited during work hours. Motorists will be allowed to park at meters in the area after 6:00 p.m. daily.

Cincinnati Police will be on site to maintain traffic flow while work is under way. An arrow board and construction cones will help direct motorists around the site as well.

Crews will lay track in the intersection next weekend. Another news release will be issued with details about that next phase of work.

#### **Other streetcar work**

Meanwhile, other streetcar-related construction work continues in additional areas of downtown.

Fifth Street between Walnut and Main has been reduced to two lanes till mid-February while crews reconstruct an electric-utility vault for infrastructure improvements associated with the streetcar. The vault is at the southwest corner of Main and Fifth streets.

The two lanes on the north side of Fifth between Walnut and Main remain open.

**Note: During this period, the north curb lane at Fifth and Main is serving as both a through and left-turn lane.**

In addition, Main Street is reduced to two through lanes and a right-turn only lane on the east side of the Fifth Street intersection.

Police are on site to assist with traffic flow. Sidewalks and crosswalks – except the west crosswalk at the intersection of Fifth and Main -- remain open.

Instructional signage for motorists and pedestrians is be posted in the area.

Motorists should allow extra time when traveling in this area or consider alternative routes to their intended destination. Bus riders should visit [www.go-metro.com](http://www.go-metro.com) for updated route information.

In addition, streetcar crews are excavating and grading the approach slab area of the Main Street bridge over Fort Washington Way at Third Street. This work requires the closure of the southwest corner of the intersection at Third and Main until Jan. 16. The south curb lane on Third at Main and the two west lanes on Main between Second and Third over the bridge also are closed.

The west sidewalk on the Main Street bridge is closed as well. The east sidewalk remains open.

Instructional signage is posted to direct motorists and pedestrians around the site.

For questions about streetcar construction, contact Dave Krusling at [krusling.dave@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:krusling.dave@cincinnati-oh.gov) or 513-352-3479.

### **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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