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NEWCASTLE TRANSIT CENTER CONSTRUCTION STARTS MONDAY

Construction crews begin their work on Newcastle's new Transit Center project Monday, May 18. The south end of the project will be completed first. Work will start on the south side of Newcastle Way at 129th Ave SE and proceed east across Coal Creek Parkway down to 132nd Place SE. **The initial phase of the project will impact eastbound traffic on Newcastle Way.** Drivers proceeding straight through the intersection of Coal Creek Parkway will share the same lane as traffic turning right onto Coal Creek.

Work along the north side of Newcastle Way will start in the middle of July, beginning at 132nd Place SE and moving west across Coal Creek Parkway down to 129th Ave SE.

Construction of the new concrete intersection of Coal Creek Parkway and Newcastle Way will start in mid-June. Crews hope to have the entire project finished by the end of November.

Except on rare occasions, at least one lane of traffic will be open in all directions at the intersection of Coal Creek Parkway and Newcastle Way. Delays through the downtown area can be expected for the duration of the project. Businesses will be open during construction and the City of Newcastle urges residents to support our local merchants.

Frequent updates on the Transit Center project can be found by logging onto the City blog www.newcastle411.com and the new Transit Center website www.newcastletransitcenter.com.

The Transit Center will showcase the changing character of Newcastle's community business center, focusing on a pedestrian and transit friendly urban core. It will feature 4 new bus shelters with intriguing design elements that are in some ways evocative of a coal miner's cabin, but yet are completely contemporary. The project will also bring major improvements to Newcastle's main intersection of Coal Creek Parkway and Newcastle Way including bike lanes, realigned crosswalks to enhance pedestrian visibility, and new sidewalks. The City of Newcastle is partnering with Sound Transit on the \$4.6 million project, 87% of which is funded through Sound Transit.

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