Phase III Now in High Gear: Six Months Until Renovation Complete

In a recent memo to the PDA community, PDA Executive Director Ben Franz-Knight reported on the current status of renovation work. The memo looked back at work accomplished during the summer (“We did everything possible to keep public spaces open and free flowing,” Ben reported) and provided information about work taking place this fall and winter.

The Economy Atrium has closed and construction walls have been built, allowing Studio Solstone, Tenzing Momo, and Crepe de France to remain open during Phase III renovation. The Great Wind-Up has temporarily relocated to the Corner Market Building across from Shy Giant. Pike Place Outfitters closed; reopening is planned following the completion of Phase III work.

In the Soames-Dunn Building, storage space in the basement and general basement access will be affected by plumbing work and the construction of new restrooms at the back of the building. A dumpster will be on Pike Place in front of the building during this work.

Starting October 6th, massive scaffolding will be erected around the exterior of the Stewart House, setting the stage for several weeks of demolition work followed by new waterproofing, seismic upgrades, new brick installation and new windows.

“During this period, we will once again ask for your patience and cooperation as renovation will be seen, heard and felt throughout the Market,” Ben wrote.

Access to businesses and sidewalks will be maintained during this work. Parking spaces on the east side of Pike Place in front of the Stewart House will be used for construction staging, forklifts and dumpster placement.

We will continue to provide regular updates on construction progress with hand delivered Renovation Alerts, by email notice, and on our website at www.pikeplacemarket.org/renovation. We remain committed to working with tenants to mitigate the impacts of renovation as best we can. To that end, we encourage tenants to contact us if they have concerns or questions.

“Yes, we have six more months of noise, dust, generators and hard hats,” concluded Ben, “but come March, the only major remaining piece of renovation will be the windows on Western. All of you have made a significant contribution to the renovation effort—a massive undertaking that when completed will ensure the safety, security and vitality of the Pike Place Market for generations to come. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and once again, please pardon our dust.”

Economy Atrium Closed until Spring; Lower Post Alley Closed Periodically to Pedestrians, Cars

The Economy Atrium will remain closed until spring for extensive work including removal of walkways, installation of a new elevator, and floor replacement.

Pike Place Outfitters has temporarily closed and The Great Wind-Up has relocated to the Corner Market Building. The Market Theatre moved temporarily to the Intiman Theatre at Seattle Center. We expect these businesses to return to their usual Market locations in the spring.

Construction work in the Atrium will generally occur from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dust and noise will be controlled with a construction wall inside the Atrium upper level.

Lower Post Alley will be used extensively for construction work including delivery of materials, placement of dumpsters, and removal of debris. We expect the Alley to be closed to pedestrians intermittently and closed to vehicle traffic much of the time.

Phase III Public Meeting on Sept. 29 Cancelled; Next Meeting October 27

The September 29 public renovation meeting was cancelled since we had a joint meeting with the Market Constituency on September 20. The next public meeting about Phase III will be held October 27 in the PDA Conference Room from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Renovation Public Meeting on November 20

Join us on Tuesday, November 20, for the next joint public renovation meeting with the Market Constituency. It begins at 6:00 p.m. in the PDA Conference Room. These meetings are held every other month.

Economy Businesses Closed November 7 - 11

A power outage is scheduled for November 7 - 11 for the entire Economy Market Building. All tenants in the building will be closed: DeLaurenti’s, Il Bistro, and businesses in the Economy Arcade, Economy Atrium, and on First Avenue.

Phase II Complete

Phase II renovation is complete in the Corner, Sanitary, and Triangle Buildings. Completion was marked by receipt of the final building permit on August 11. Work on the sprinklers in the First & Pine Buildings will continue for a few months. Gary’s Tex Mex, the last remaining tenant in Phase II buildings to reopen, opened on August 15.