May 2024 - Construction Update

Schweitzer Engineering Hall

This Community Bulletin is intended to serve as an update for upcoming work related to the WSU Schweitzer Engineering Hall project, as well as a means of notifying our neighbors of any significant events and construction updates that may impact adjacent utilities, sidewalks, streets, and access surrounding the project.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS MONTH:
Washington State University and the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture are pleased to share that immediately after commencement in May 2024 construction will start on Schweitzer Engineering Hall.

This 66,000 sqft student success building will be the new front door and living room for the College. It will include classroom, study, club, and maker spaces, as well as student advising, career services and a tutoring center.

This new facility will also be a learning experience in itself, with engineering on display demonstrating a hybrid structure, Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) decking, exposed bracing systems, and large span trusses.

Please track the progress of the construction with us over the next 22 months as we raise this building out of the ground and help realize the future built environment for the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture.

Construction is expected to be complete in Spring 2026

You can view the project's progression via site cameras at https://buildings.wsu.edu/
SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING HALL CONSTRUCTION READY TO START!!

Construction Fencing and Pedestrian Foot Traffic Route:
On May 6th the Lease Crutcher Lewis team will place fencing around the Schweitzer Engineering Building to kick off our work. On the logistics map above, the site fencing extents are shown in red. Our construction fence will shut down the south sidewalk along NE College Ave as well as the East sidewalk on SE Spokane Street. Additionally, SE Columbia Street from Spokane Street to SE Idaho Street will be closed for the duration of the project. All vehicles must detour via NE College Ave or NE Washington Street.

Other construction work activities occurring this month will include:
- Establishing Erosion Control Measures
- Survey
- Clearing the site
- Mass Excavation
- Utilities Cut/Cap and Relocations