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### Pike Place Market work starts

Renovation of the Pike Place Market is under way. The first phase, costing \$30.9 million, is occurring along Western Avenue.

James Haydu, director of communications for the Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority, said teams are installing a new central heating and cooling plant with a vault to make the market's systems work more efficiently.



Photo by Katie Zemtseff [\[enlarge\]](#)

Today, each building operates with a separate HVAC system. "The central plant will tie the campus together," Haydu said.

This is the first of a four-phase project to improve the market's infrastructure. The work is being paid for by the six-year \$73 million Pike Place Market levy Seattle voters passed last November.

Work also includes rebuilding the Western Avenue Hillclimb with new public stairs and a new elevator, mechanical and electrical upgrades to the Leland and Fairley buildings, and renovated public restrooms. Phase one of renovation began last April and should be complete by April of 2010.

Construction on phase two is set to begin in the fall of 2010.

Turner Construction is the general contractor. SRG Partnership is the architect. Other team members include Rushing Blackbird, KPFF, Swenson Say Faget and Swift Co.

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