

Frequently Asked Questions

Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer Replacement

What is the purpose of this project?

King County protects public health and the environment by conveying and treating the region's wastewater. King County's Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer in Shoreline is more than 40 years old. Upgrades are necessary to increase capacity and ensure safe and reliable operations in the future.

When will construction begin?

Construction is expected to begin in summer 2006 and will last approximately two years. The entire 12,000 feet of pipeline will not be under construction at once. King County expects to receive a detailed schedule and work plan from the contractor this summer and will then be able to tell residents when work will occur in front of their homes.

How much will this project cost? Who is paying for it?

The total construction cost for the three Hidden Lake sewer projects in Shoreline is \$21 million. This project is part of King County's regional wastewater sewer system that has been protecting public health and the environment for more than 40 years. The project will be funded by monthly sewer rates charged throughout the service area, not just the area that the facility directly serves.

Will any streets be closed during construction?

We anticipate that most of the work will be able to be done with single lane closures. However, King County's contractor will determine if any road segments need to be temporarily closed to through traffic or if any detours are necessary. The contractor will also need to obtain the city's approval of any proposed traffic revisions and a traffic control plan.

The contractor is required to maintain emergency access to properties at all times. There may be short term access restrictions to driveways during the work day. The contractor is required to give the county one week advance notice of these restrictions. Clear access to driveways is required at the end of each work day. Once the contractor's traffic control plans are approved by the City of Shoreline, King County and the contractor will work with the city to notify residents of any traffic revisions.

Will access to homes and businesses be blocked?

The contractor is required to maintain emergency access to properties at all times. There may be short term access restrictions to driveways during the work day. The contractor is required to give the county one week advance notice of these restrictions. King County will work with the community to provide advanced notice and address any special access needs. Clear access to driveways will be required at the end of each work day.

Will utility service be interrupted? If so, for how long?

Water or sewer service may be interrupted in localized areas for brief periods (e.g., several hours at a time). The county and Seattle Public Utilities will work together to provide advance notice of any outages. In some locations, water service to a few homes located directly adjacent to the construction work may be interrupted for short periods of time (up to 8 hours, with 4 hours being more typical). SPU crews prefer to conduct these short term outages either late at night (9:00 PM to 6:00 AM) or during the middle of the day while people are at work. In either case, SPU will notify everyone affected at least 48 hours in advance and see if any special arrangements need to be made (e.g., for health or safety issues like in-home kidney dialysis).

Will you repave the road? Will it be a full overlay?

King County will provide a full-width overlay of the road once construction is completed.

Does the project include pedestrian walkways and storm water collection?

No. However, the City of Shoreline is requiring the county to install a four foot widened asphalt shoulder along the north and east sides of the road along the sewer replacement area.

Can't the county place our electrical wires underground during construction? Or replace our aging underground electrical service?

Electrical wires and sewer lines should not share the same trench. The county does not need to dig a trench for electrical utilities to install our new sewer. County sewers are also deeper in the ground than the electrical lines. We generally do not want other utilities located above our sewers, because we'd have to disrupt service to maintain our repair our sewers.

There would be an additional cost to all property owners for converting from overhead to underground lines. Neither the city nor the county would pick up this cost. Residents are still eligible to underground their electrical wires via the Local Improvement District process.

What will you do if you damage private property during construction?

Most work will be performed on public property or in the public street right-of-way. King County and the contractor will conduct a preconstruction photo survey. The contractor will be required to repair or replace anything that is damaged. King County will have a 24-hour construction hotline where problems can be reported.

Will parks be closed during construction?

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park will remain open with possible trail detours and some restricted areas. In Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, the sewer will be constructed across the entrance road and vehicular traffic will be prevented for one day, perhaps more if needed.

What is planned for park restoration?

In Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, the county will hydroseed and restore any landscaping damaged by the construction. The entrance road will be repaved where the new sewer pipe crosses the road. The contractor will restore the sign at park entrance.

In addition, the county will turn over the southern part of the Richmond Beach Pump Station site to the City of Shoreline for a new community park. The city is preparing a master plan for the site and will implement park improvements.

How can I learn more about the project?

- Call **Jennifer Kauffman** at **206-263-6029**.
- Request updates through e-mail by sending a message to jennifer.kauffman@metrokc.gov.
- Ask to be added to the Hidden Lake mailing list.
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