



Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

Community Drop-In Sessions

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017
8-11 a.m.

Marymoor Park – along the Sammamish River Trail near the West Lake Sammamish Parkway entrance
6046 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy. NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017
3-6 p.m.
Redmond Library, Conference Room 2
15990 NE 85th St.
Redmond, WA 98052



Project team members answered questions about design and anticipated construction impacts.

Advance notification

Property owners and businesses along the proposed alignment received flyer invitations, listserv subscribers received two email invitations to attend, and notice was posted on the project webpage as well as on King County WTD social media pages.

Attendance

Fifteen people attended the drop-in sessions, five at Marymoor Park and 10 at the Redmond Library.

Purpose of the drop-in sessions

To provide an opportunity for people who live, work, and recreate in the project area to review the latest designs and ask questions of the project team. The following information was available for review:

- The latest maps of the sewer alignment
- Trail closure and detour information
- What to expect during construction in West Lake Sammamish Parkway
- Environmental considerations
- How public feedback has informed project design

Event format

The drop-in sessions were informal and allowed visitors to come and go at times convenient to them, review project materials and ask questions of project staff. Holding two drop-in sessions at different times of the day provided an opportunity for community members to meet with staff at a time convenient for their schedule.

The information available at the drop-in sessions was also made available at an online open house between Nov. 14, 2017 and Jan. 31, 2018: www.KCredmondsewer.com



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Summary of feedback

Many attendees were interested in trail closures and potential detours routes. Several voiced concern about the length of trail detours, particularly the length and navigability of the detour route for closures between Leary Way and the Marymoor Park entrance. Other topics of interest included the project and construction timeline, construction impacts to traffic and private property, and environmental considerations.

The following questions and comments were provided by community members during the drop-in sessions:

General project information, including project purpose and need

Why is King County doing this project?

The Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish sewer pipe has been serving Redmond and Bellevue for 50 years. King County needs to upgrade about 4.5 miles of the sewer line to meet the needs of the growing Redmond and Bellevue communities as the existing sewer line nears the end of its service life. In addition to adding more capacity, King County will also install 1.5 miles of recycled water pipeline as part of the project, which could expand potential use of this resource in the future.

What is the project timeline?

We are currently in final design, which will continue through 2019 with construction starting in 2020. We expect to complete construction in 2023. The full alignment will not be under construction at once, but rather, construction will be conducted in segments to reduce impacts to your community. We won't know the exact construction schedule until a contractor is selected in late 2019.

Construction impacts

When will we know what to expect during construction?

We will have more information about construction methods and what to expect as design progresses. Some information will not be available until a contractor is brought on board. King County is committed to sharing information with you every step of the way. We'll have periodic project updates through mailed newsletters or email blasts, and we'll continue to hold community meetings. You can also reach out to our team at any time with questions.

Will there be utility service interruptions during construction?

We do not expect interruptions to utility services during construction.

Bicyclist and pedestrian facilities and detours

How long will the Sammamish River Trail be closed during construction?

The Sammamish River Trail will be closed in sections between NE 85th Street and the entrance to Marymoor Park. Closures are likely to be between bridges to expedite work on the trail while also limiting closures. We won't know the timing of section closures until a contractor is selected for the project.



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Will sidewalks be open during construction?

We do anticipate some intermittent sidewalk closures during construction along West Lake Sammamish Parkway and on residential streets in the Idylwood neighborhood. In the event of a sidewalk closure, pedestrians will be provided a safe, accessible detour route.

What considerations has the County made for detour efficiency and safety?

King County is committed to providing safe, efficient detour routes for cyclists and pedestrians during construction. During the next phase of design, the project team will take a closer look at the preliminary detour routes, particularly for work between Leary Way and Marymoor Park. We will assess whether there are any alternative routes and whether there are ways to improve efficiency while maintaining safety.

Environmental considerations

Will trees be removed?

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) seeks to limit impacts to environmentally sensitive areas and existing vegetation during construction projects. However, it will be necessary to remove trees and plants along the alignment to access the pipe during construction and stage construction equipment. The County follows restoration guidelines set by local jurisdictions and permitting agencies when developing restoration plans. The City of Redmond requires that trees larger than 30 inches in diameter be replaced with three trees for any one tree removed. Trees between 6 inches and 30 inches in diameter will be replaced with one tree for any one tree removed.

How has the project team considered environmental impacts to wetlands during construction?

As part of the design process, the team did a critical areas survey which included identifying wetlands, streams and environmentally sensitive habitats within the project area. The team has identified the extents of wetland areas in or near the work zone. Before construction begins, we will have plans in place to minimize impacts to wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas in and near the work zone.

How can I provide input on the environmental review of the project?

For questions or concerns about environmental review, please contact Hillary Jones, Environmental Planner, at Hillary.jones@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-5504. There will be a formal public comment period during environmental review for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Be sure to [sign up to receive updates about the project](#) to be notified when this comment period opens.