



## Friends of Marymoor Park Briefing Summary

### Date, Time, and Location

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 7 p.m.

Zoom virtual meeting

### Overview

The purpose of the briefing was to provide an update to the Friends of Marymoor Park on the planned detours and closure routes since the project team briefed the committee in 2020.

### Briefing summary

Lauren Wheeler from the King County Wastewater Treatment Division consultant outreach staff provided an overview of the project background, purpose, and timeline. King County is working with the City of Redmond to finalize permitting for the project. Construction is expected to begin in 2024 and take approximately three years to complete.

Lauren reviewed the different detour options for closures of the Sammamish River Trail. An initial plan included a long bicycle and pedestrian detour, which would avoid closing a lane of West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Based on feedback from Friends of Marymoor Park, and other community members who travel through the area, the team developed a shorter detour option. This route will close one northbound lane of West Lake Sammamish Parkway to create a 10.5-foot-wide shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Lauren provided an overview of King County's plans to restore the Sammamish River Trail and streets impacted by construction. King County intends to repave the Sammamish River Trail to at least its existing extent. The paved trail and gravel shoulder will be widened between NE 85th Street and Leary Way during project restoration. King County will also seek to relocate maintenance holes off the trail where possible and replant trees and shrubs near the trail. On roads and



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side streets, King County will restore impacted pavement, sidewalks, curbs, and planter strips.

Lauren also shared an overview of the sidewalk improvements being made near the Marymoor Park entrance. King County intends to install the new sidewalk at the entrance of Marymoor Park to ensure an ADA-accessible detour route is in place before the contractor temporarily closes a segment of the Sammamish River Trail between Marymoor Way and Leary Way.

### Attendance

Approximately 10 members and park neighbors attended the meeting.

### Summary of feedback

Attendees asked questions and provided comments on tree removal and replanting, closures and detours near Marymoor Park, and construction schedule and work hours. Attendees requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Attendees had the following questions and comments for King County WTD outreach staff:

#### General

*Can I get a copy of the presentation shared this evening?*

Lauren Wheeler (King County consultant staff) will follow up with a copy of the presentation and a summary of the briefing.

#### Detours

*What measures will be taken to prevent drivers from detouring through Marymoor Park during construction?*

We will provide clear signage for any approved detour routes. We do not expect traffic cutting through the park to be a major issue because of existing signage on Marymoor Way indicating that the road is closed to thru traffic and a requirement for proof of paid parking at the east gate. However, should it become an issue



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during construction, we will work with King County Parks and the City of Redmond to develop and implement a solution.

*What measures are being taken to prevent bicyclists from using alternative routes outside of the detours?*

Lauren Wheeler (King County consultant staff) responded that detours will adhere to City of Redmond permit requirements. While detours will be in effect, bicycle and pedestrian users may choose to take different routes.

### Construction

*Will there be times when construction working hours will differ from what is permitted?*

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) responded that there may be times when crews will need to work outside of hours permitted. The contract schedule and working hours are being determined during the permitting process.

### Tree removal and replanting

*Please share the number of trees that will be replanted for this project.*

Replanting requirements are set by permitting agencies. For trees in the City of Redmond's jurisdiction, we will replant at least one tree for every significant tree removed. For trees that are removed and are over 30-inches in diameter, three new trees will be planted.

In total, King County expect to replant approximately 1,367 trees. We expect to replant 338 trees along the sewer route. This number is less than the number being removed because having tree roots too close to the pipe can cause services issues for our customers. We will plant less trees near the pipe to protect it. An additional 1,251 trees will be planted in an off-site mitigation tree bank due to project site space limitations.

These numbers are under discussion with the City of Redmond and may change. Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) informed the group that these requirements are set by the City of Redmond's land use regulations. Marymoor Park is located outside of the jurisdictional limits of Redmond.



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*What measures will be taken to ensure newly planted replacement trees will live beyond a year?*

Typically, King County requires contractors to monitor and maintain tree plantings for a year after construction. At that point, King County will inspect the plantings and direct the contractor to replant as necessary.

After final inspection, if the restoration area is outside an environmentally critical area, the property owner becomes responsible for any necessary maintenance and irrigation of tree plantings. In environmentally critical areas, King County will maintain trees and plantings for 5 – 10 years after planting, and in accordance with performance standards established by permitting agencies.

*Will trees be inventoried closer to construction?*

King County developed a Tree Protection Plan for the project which includes a tree inventory. Ahead of construction, King County's contractor will be required to hire a professional arborist to develop its own Tree Protection Plan, which will include an inventory of trees to be removed, retained, and/or relocated.

Scott Reynolds (City of Remond) responded that trees being removed are still under review during the permitting process.

*A member of the FOMP shared appreciation for the work King County has done to create the shared-use path alternative along West Lake Sammamish Parkway.*

King County staff thanked FOMP participants for their feedback on this detour and for their continued engagement on the project.

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS AVAILABLE

206-477-5371/ 711 (TTY Relay)