



King County

## Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

### Bike Everywhere Day tabling event

Date: Friday, May 19, 2023

Time: 6-10 a.m.

Location: Along the Sammamish River Trail at Dudley Carter Park and N.E. Leary Way

### Attendance

The project team engaged with 67 trail users, 16 of which signed up to receive the project listserv emails.



*Community engagement staff sharing project information with trail users.*

### Purpose of the event

King County Wastewater Treatment Division's community engagement team hosted a booth located trailside at Dudley Carter Park near N.E. Leary Way during the Bike Everywhere Day event. The event provided an opportunity for the community to:

- Learn about the project purpose and wastewater service in the project area.
- Understand how project construction will affect the Sammamish River Trail and nearby roads.
- Ask questions about the project.
- Learn about upcoming trail detours.
- Sign up for project email updates.

### Event format

King County WTD outreach staff hosted a table along the active Sammamish River Trail that displayed King County trail maps, project information, rain gauges, bubbles, water bottles, KIND granola bars, and a project sign-up sheet. Outreach staff also installed project signage along the trail near Dudley Carter Park used to inform trail users about the project purpose and benefits, construction timeline, project map, and website information.



*Trail user reading signage located along the trail near Leary Way.*

Alternate Formats Available: 206-477-5371 or TTY Relay: 711



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### Summary of feedback

Many trail users indicated that they regularly walk and ride their bike along the Sammamish River Trail, either for recreation or to commute to work. Most of the trail users the community engagement team spoke with were unfamiliar with the project. Overall, trail users appreciated the advanced notification about the project and upcoming construction, in particular the advanced notice of trail detours.



*Trail user signing up to receive project updates.*

Questions and comments received include:

- When will construction begin?
  - Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024.
- How long will construction last?
  - Construction of the 4.5-mile project alignment is scheduled to take approximately three years to complete. The alignment will be built in segments and will likely have several crews working simultaneously. We will have a more detailed construction schedule after a contractor is hired.
- Is this a part of the Lake Hills Sewer Relining project?
  - No, although working in a similar area, the Lake Hills Sewer Relining project is a separate project. You can find more information [on the project webpage.](#)
- Is this project part of the East Lake Sammamish Trail construction?
  - No, although working in a similar area, the East Lake Sammamish Trail project is not part of this project's construction. You can find more information [on the project webpage.](#)
- Will the entire trail be shut down for the duration of construction?
  - No, contractor crews will work in segments and will re-route trail users around construction zones along the trail. We do not anticipate using a full closure of the trail during construction.
- Will the detours route bicyclists and pedestrians onto local roads?



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- Yes, the anticipated trail detours will re-route trail users onto local roads when sections of the trail are temporarily closed due to construction.
- How were detour routes determined?
  - The project team worked with local community groups and bike organizations to collect feedback and collaborate on ways to make trail detours better suit the needs of those who use them. We heard lots of feedback that bicyclists preferred not to dismount their bikes for detours, so the project team is working with the City and WSDOT to best accommodate this request. Our team also partnered with local jurisdictions to determine routes that maintain traffic flow and safety.
- How will I find out about detours?
  - King County will share project timelines and detour information through our project website, email listserv, newsletters and ongoing community briefings. During active detours, the trail will be clearly marked with detour signage to direct trail users. Sign up to receive email updates [on the project webpage](#).
- Will there be impacts to trees along the project?
  - Our crews need an area approximately 30 to 45 feet wide along the entire pipe route to safely install the new pipe. Plants and trees will be removed in those working limits. Our team is working with Tribes, local jurisdictions, and permitting agencies to protect the existing trees, minimize removals, and develop restoration plans.
- Will the trail be restored to its previous condition?
  - The trail will be restored after construction. When our work is complete, we plan to relocate as many maintenance holes off the trail as possible, plant new trees and shrubs to replace those that were removed, repave affected areas of the trail, and widen the trail between N.E. 85th Street and Leary Way.