BECU GoGreen Movies at Marymoor tabling event

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Time: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Marymoor Park

Attendance

The project team engaged with 33 community members and many staff from other King County departments.

Purpose of the event

King County Wastewater Treatment Division's (WTD) community engagement team hosted a booth at the BECU GoGreen Movies at Marymoor 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 travelers on nearby roadways and trails.
- Ask questions about the project.
- Learn about upcoming trail detours.
- Sign up for project email updates.

Event format

The outreach booth displayed project materials including project maps and essential project information. Display boards were posted in front of the booth with information about the project in multiple languages. The team also passed out snacks, bubbles, and project-related coloring sheets. A sign-up sheet was left out on the table for people to register for project email. The outreach booth displayed project material to include King County trail maps, project maps and essential project information. The booth also featured flipbooks that detail the newly approved trail detour routes.

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Summary of feedback

Most visitors said they were unfamiliar with the project. Several community members said they did not live along the project area but mentioned frequently using the Sammamish River Trail or regularly attending events at Marymoor Park. Most visitors were interested in the new detour information and expressed appreciation for the route selection process.

Questions and comments:

- What is this project and where is it?
 - o The Lake Hills and Northwest Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project is about a sewer pipe built in the 1950s and 1970s. The pipe needs to be replaced because it is too small and is reaching the end of its service life. King County is working to upgrade this 4.5-mile-long pipe to provide sewer service to our growing community for another 50 years or more. The Lake Hills Trunk section of the pipeline was built in the 1950s and includes the portion of the pipeline that runs along West Lake Sammamish Parkway and the Idylwood neighborhood. The Lake Sammamish Interceptor portion of the pipeline was built in the 1970s and runs along Marymoor Park and the West Lake Sammamish Trail.
- How will this impact my ability to use the trail?
 - The trail will be intermittently closed during construction for the installation of the new pipe. 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. The design for the detour routes for trail users has recently been finalized. 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 marked with detour signage to direct trail users. Sign up on the project webpage to receive more detour information through our email updates.
- How long will construction last?

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 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 share a more detailed construction schedule after a contractor is hired.

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