



King County

Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

Bike Everywhere Day tabling event

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: 6-10 a.m.

Location: Along the Sammamish River Trail near the entrance of Marymoor Park

Attendance

The project team engaged with 86 trail users, 1 of which signed up to receive the project listserv emails.

Purpose of the event

King County Wastewater Treatment Division's community engagement team hosted a booth located at the Sammamish trail by the entrance of Marymoor Park 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's display had King County trail maps, project information, granola bars, and a project sign-up sheet. The project materials included information about the project purpose and benefits, wastewater treatment 101, the project construction timeline and map, future trail detour routes, and information on the project website and virtual resources.



Community engagement staff sharing project information with trail users.



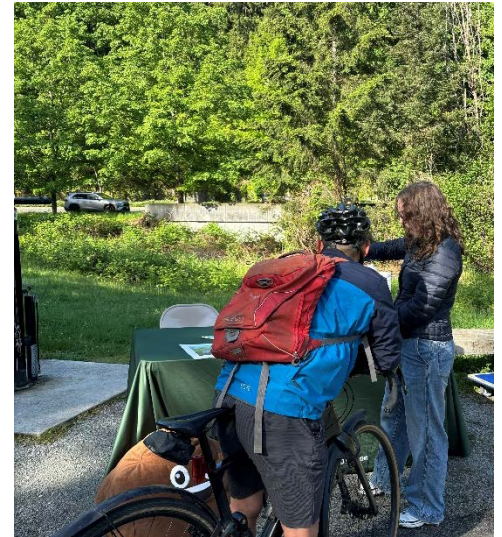
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Summary of feedback

Many trail users who stopped by the project table indicated that they are regular users of the Sammamish River Trail, either for recreation or to commute to work. Most of the trail users were unfamiliar with the project, but several people were aware of other projects in the area. Overall, trail users appreciated the advanced notification about the project and upcoming construction, particularly the advanced notice of future trail detours. Most people were excited about the planned detour routes, and a few people expressed a desire to use an alternative route to fully avoid the future work zone.

Questions and comments received include:

- When is construction scheduled to begin?
 - Construction is now anticipated to begin in 2026.
- 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.
- Will the trail be restored to its previous condition?
 - Yes, the trail will be restored after construction. In some areas along the trail the shoulder might be slightly widened to meet accessibility requirements.
- 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 portions of the trail. We do not



Community engagement staff sharing future project detours with trail user.



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currently anticipate a full closure of the trail at any point during construction.

- How will I find out about detours?
 - King County will primarily be communicating project timelines and detour information via our listserv, so the best way to stay informed is by signing up to receive project email updates. You can also check our project website. During active detours, the trail will be clearly marked with detour signage to direct trail users.
- Salmon migration and spawning happens throughout the Sammamish River. How is the project construction planning to mitigate effects on the wildlife and their habitat?
 - Most of the new sewer pipe will be installed using open trench construction, a method in which a hole is dug from the surface to lay the new pipe. When work is required in the Sammamish River, King County will use an underground construction method called microtunneling that won't require us to dig a trench across the river. Tunneling under the river will help us reduce our impact to fish and wildlife.