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UPDATE: 81st Avenue Southeast fully closed starting April 10th for pipe installation

Background:

We previously shared that one lane of alternating traffic would be maintained as pipe installation progresses onto 81st Avenue Southeast. We have received an update from our contractor. **We will now fully close 81st Ave SE for approximately six weeks** for sewer pipe construction.

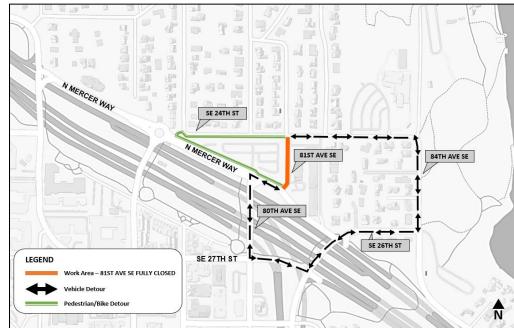
We will install most of the new pipe on the west side of 81st Ave SE. However, there are underground structures and parts of the pipe located closer to the center of the road. There is not enough space to safely maintain one lane of alternating traffic around those areas. Fully closing this area, will allow crews to work as safely and efficiently as possible to progress pipe installation to North Mercer Way.

Traffic control on 81st Ave SE:

We have approval from the City of Mercer Island to fully close 81st Ave SE for approximately six weeks. Vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic will be detoured around the closed work area. The detour will be on 80th Ave SE, SE 27th ST, SE 26th ST 84th Ave SE and SE 24th ST (review map for more detail).

What to expect during pipe installation:

- Permitted work hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- Access to residences should be always



Detours will be in place around the fully closed work area on 81st Ave SE.

- maintained during construction. If access is denied, please call the 24-hour hotline at 425-305-3578. We will speak with the on-site staff and resolve the issue as quickly as possible.
- Crews will lay metal plates over excavations to restore access as needed. It may take crews up to 15 minutes to set up a safe surface for you to cross.
- There will be noise, dust, and vibrations typical of an active construction project.
- Emergency vehicle access will be maintained during construction.
- Services such as garbage, recycling, composting, and mail will not be interrupted.

PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20 FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD WALK ON 81ST AVE SE

Project staff and the contractor will meet on the corner of 81st Ave SE and North Mercer Way at 4 p.m. During the walk, the team will share more information about pipe installation on 81st Ave SE and upcoming work on North Mercer Way.

We'll walk rain or shine, so please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes for walking.

To request accommodations or if you cannot attend, please contact the community relations team by calling or texting 425-305-3578 or by emailing NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov

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Talk to us! For more information or to schedule a virtual meeting, please contact:

The community services team at 425-305-3578 or NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov Visit the project Webpage at www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer





