



NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

Southeast 35th Place Neighborhood Conversation Event Summary

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Time: 4PM-5PM

Location: S.E. 35th Place and East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, 98040

Attendance

The North Mercer project team interacted with three community members from three households. The project team included representatives from community services, King County construction management, and the contractor, Walsh.

Event Purpose

Construction along S.E. 35th Place and surrounding streets is ramping up in phases and will include temporary traffic detours for residents. During this neighborhood conversation, the project team shared information about detour routes, upcoming closures, and what to expect from construction work. The project team also answered questions from community members ahead of work beginning.

Event Format

Project team members and neighbors met at the intersection of S.E. 35th Place and East Mercer Way. The group gathered to share information and project materials, and team members answered individual questions and walked with neighbors to areas of interest.

Summary of Feedback

Community members asked specific questions primarily involving timeline of work activities, reopening timelines for the I-90 trail and construction staging areas, and how access and deliveries to homes will be maintained during construction.

FAQs:

How long is each phase expected to be?

There are four phases of work planned along S.E. 35th Pl. Each phase is expected to take approximately a month and a half. Paving will take place in the spring during the paving window.

How long will flaggers be present?

A flagger will be present during permitted work hours throughout pipe installation. Flaggers will arrive around January 1, 2023.

When will staging and work materials be cleaned up from S.E. 35th Place?

Construction equipment will be staged along the roadway for the duration of construction in this area. Pipes staged along the roadway will disappear gradually as they are installed.

How will deliveries work?

When delivery drivers arrive, flaggers will help guide them through the work area or will coordinate with neighbors to get deliveries past the closures.

When will the I-90 Trail reopen?

The section of trail near this work area is expected to reopen as early as mid-April once paving is complete.

When will the construction management trailers be taken down?

Construction management trailers near East Mercer Way and Frontage Road will be maintained for the duration of the project. The removal is currently planned for as early as mid-2025.