



NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

Online Open House Summary

March 1 – April 2, 2018

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Purpose of the online open house

The purpose of the online open house was to help project neighbors and interested members of the public better understand the design for the North Mercer Island and Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project by reviewing project details.

The following information was available for review:

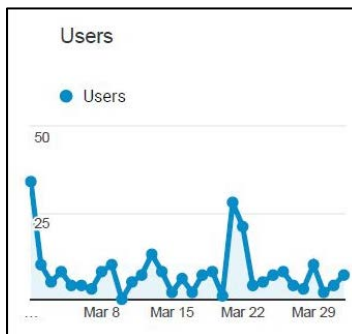
- An overview of the project with an interactive map displaying each segment of the alignment.
- A timeline for the design and construction work.
- The project alignment split into 10 segments. Each segment page included an interactive map, photo of the area and construction methods.
- Next steps for project design and coordination with the public.

A comment form was available for visitors to ask questions and provide suggestions for how King County can be a good neighbor during construction. While the online open house is now closed, an archive is available on the [project website](#).

Advance notification

King County outreach staff notified property owners along the proposed alignment about the online open house through:

- Email: An email announcement went out to 563 listserv subscribers on March 1
- In person: Reminders at the community walk and talk sessions on March 3
- Postcard: A postcard mailed to residents along the alignment during the week of March 19
- [Project website](#)



Visitors

A total of 209 users engaged in 281 sessions from March 1 to April 2, 2018. Visitors viewed a total of 2,631 pages and spent an average of 4.5 minutes per session.

Format

The online open house was available between March 1 and April 2, 2018. Visitors were able to log on at times convenient to them, review project materials and track their comments and questions as they reviewed information. A comment form was available for visitors to ask questions of the project team and provide feedback for how King County can be a good neighbor during construction.



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Summary of feedback

The project team received three comment form submissions with questions about design and construction.

Project design

What is the plan for design, lighting, noise, odor and landscaping at the North Mercer Pump Station?

The project team is still working on design for the North Mercer Pump Station. King County will meet with pump station neighbors as design progresses to share updates.

Construction

What type of construction is planned for the inland section of the alignment between Enatai Beach Park and Swayolocken Pump Station?

This portion of the sewer will be an underground pipe that will run deep under the Enatai hillside. The pipe under the hillside will be installed using Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). For HDD installation, two pits are dug at the pipe entrance (Enatai Beach Park) and exit (Swayolocken Pump Station) and the pipe is pulled through a hole created by the contractor.

The interruption of a heavily used bicycle trail is a significant impact of this project. Mitigating the effects of the interruption will be important. Please refrain from unnecessary demands for cyclists, such as asking them to dismount and walk through a project area.

The project team has been coordinating with Cascade Bicycle Club and Neighbors in Motion to understand use and potential detour paths for the I-90 Trail across Mercer Island and into Bellevue. We are working to minimize disruption as much as possible and provide safe, bike-able detour routes. Having said that, there will likely be times and locations where cyclists will be asked to dismount and walk. Ultimately, safety must be the first priority.

King County will reach out to bike groups again during spring 2018, and we plan to have a table for Bike Everywhere Day in May.