

Open Cut Construction on Residential Streets

From the North Mercer Pump Station to the Mercer Island Boat Launch along the East Channel of Lake Washington, we'll be laying about two miles of new pipeline across the island as part of this sewer upgrade project. About half of the new pipe will be in public streets, with the rest on the I-90 Trail. The work will have an impact on everyone who lives or travels on the affected streets.

What to Expect During Construction

Construction details—such as exactly when different pipe segments will be built and what restoration will look like—are still being figured out. The County is working closely with the City of Mercer Island on construction permits. Once a contractor is hired in 2020, construction plans will be finalized. We will share more information when we have it. Here's what we know now:

- There will be noise, dust and traffic impacts.
- Work hours will typically be during weekday day light hours.
- Some areas with greater traffic impacts, such as North Mercer Way, may require extended work hours.
- Traffic access will vary by location, with some streets requiring full closures and detours and other streets reduced to one lane with flaggers.
- Emergency vehicles will always be able to access streets that are under construction.
- Metro and school buses may require detours. We will provide details when we have them.
- Services such as garbage, recycling, and mail will continue uninterrupted. There may be location or schedule changes, however, which will be communicated to residents at least 72 hours in advance.

