

NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

Bike Everywhere Day Tabling Summary

Date: Friday, May 19, 2023 Time: 9am-11:30am Location: Luther Burbank Park, at the corner of SE 26th Street and 84th Ave SE

Attendance

The North Mercer Project team interacted with 21 people, most of whom live on Mercer Island. Those who asked questions declined follow-up when offered and indicated that they were signed up or would sign up for listservs.



The booth offered information and snacks to neighbors.

Event Purpose

Bike Everywhere Day provided a unique opportunity to reach the biking community on Mercer Island, or those who regularly commute through Mercer Island on their bikes. The King County Wastewater Treatment community relations team hosted a booth to share information and answer questions about the North Mercer Island/Enatai sewer upgrade project and discuss bike detour routes due to construction.

Booth Format

The project staff hosted a table by an active intersection and walking path entrance to the Luther Burbank Park. The table displayed project information, recent notification, detour maps, and offered water and granola bars to bikers.

Summary of feedback:

The community outreach staff shared an overview of the project purpose and sewer alignment to those who had questions about it. Overall, visitors were familiar with the project and have seen work across the island. Many noted they appreciate clear information about the duration of closures and detours. Most questions were regarding:

- project timeline
- restoration plans
- paving plans

What's the duration of this project?

Construction began in spring of 2022 and will take approximately four years to complete. Depending on the contractor's schedule and other factors, crews will be in and out of different areas, spending about 8-12 months in each area.

When are you repaving X location?

The approved paving window for the City of Mercer Island begins in July and ends in October. It is our goal to complete permanent paving for locations where pipe installation completed during this year's window. We will communicate the schedule and any traffic changes via our listserv.

Will I-90 Trail be improved/restored?

Yes. When construction is complete, trail sections impacted by the project will be restored and improved. These improvements include widening the trail where site conditions allow, repair trail surfaces that currently have tree-root or other damage, upgraded signage and improved surface conditions.