



NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

Fruitland Landing / 97th Ave S.E. Community Conversation Event Summary

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024

Time: 4PM-5PM

Location: 97th Avenue Southeast & Southeast 34th Street, Mercer Island, 98040

Event Purpose

Major construction activities are scheduled to begin at Fruitland Landing and along 97th Ave S.E. in early April. During this neighborhood conversation on March 14, the project team shared information about the type of construction activities neighbors would see, estimated timing of work, and potential impacts to residents. The project team also provided an overview of the entire construction project and responded to neighbor questions.

Event Format

Project team members and neighbors met at the intersection of 97th Ave S.E. & S.E. 34th Street. The group gathered to share information and project materials about upcoming work in the area and to answer questions from neighbors.

Attendance

The North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade project team interacted with eight community members from seven households. The project team included representatives from King County community services, the contractor (Walsh), and subcontractor (Harbor Pacific).



Project team and neighbors discussing upcoming work at Fruitland Landing and along 97th Ave S.E.

Summary of Discussion

Common questions from neighbors were about the sequence of work, the timing of street work and the closure of Fruitland Landing, and what impacts to expect during construction.

FAQs:

Can you explain the work that will be happening in this area?

There are multiple parts to the construction planned for this area. This includes upgrading Lift Station 11 at Fruitland Landing, relining the existing pipe along the north segment of 97th Ave S.E., and installing new pipe along the south segment of 97th Ave S.E. To maintain service while relining the existing pipe, a

temporary bypass pipe needs to be installed along 97th Ave S.E. between S.E. 34th St and Fruitland Landing.

How long will each section of work take?

Construction at Fruitland Landing and on 97th Ave S.E. is expected to begin in early April. Upgrading Lift Station 11 at Fruitland Landing is expected to take approximately four months.

Before crews can reline the existing pipe, they will install a temporary bypass pipe on the east side of 97th Ave. S.E. between Fruitland Landing and S.E. 34th St. Installing the temporary bypass is anticipated to occur in April and will remain in place for approximately four months.

Installing the new pipe along the south segment of 97th Ave S.E. is expected to begin in May and take approximately three weeks.

Relining the existing pipe on the north segment of 97th Ave S.E. is expected to occur in June and take approximately two weeks.

Where is work starting? Which direction is it moving?

One crew will be at the north end of 97th Ave S.E. by Fruitland Landing to reline the existing pipe, and plan to work north to south. Another crew will be at the south end of 97th Ave S.E. to install the new pipe, and plan to work south to north.

What can neighbors expect during this work? Will there be any restricted access to homes during construction?

Access to homes will be maintained throughout this work. Some homes may be subject to temporary driveway access interruptions, in which case 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 residents to cross.

During construction in the roadway, flaggers will direct single-lane, alternating traffic around the work area during permitted work hours, which are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Most traffic control will be on 97th Ave. S.E., with occasional traffic control on S.E. 34th St. Roads will be restored to two-way traffic after work hours.

On March 29, we sent a [construction notice to residents](#) that included more details on what to expect during construction.

Will there be access to the Fruitland Landing?

The park needs to remain closed for the duration of Lift Station 11 construction to ensure everyone's safety. This is expected to take approximately four months. It's a small park and there simply won't be room to safely keep public access around the workers, equipment, and materials that will need to be on site.

There used to be a picnic table and a bench at Fruitland Landing. Will those be replaced after construction?

The park will be restored in a way that has been agreed to by the City of Mercer Island. This includes landscaping the park and replacing the concrete pad for a bench.

Will there be any vegetation impacts?

Prior to beginning construction, crews will install tree protection and erosion control measures around Fruitland Landing. To prepare for construction, the project team has met on site with arborists, landscapers, and environmental protection specialists. Work in the street should not have impacts on existing vegetation.

Will services such as garbage collection, mail, and deliveries still have access to the area?

Yes. The area will remain accessible for services such as garbage, recycling, compost/yard waste collection, postal mail, and deliveries. The contractor will install a sign letting delivery drivers know the area is open during construction. If you have any issues, please call the project hotline at 425-305-3578. Access to homes will be maintained during construction.

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Talk to us! For more information or to schedule a meeting, please contact:
The community services team at **425-305-3578** or **NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov**
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