

Reporting back on summer 2024 community input!



Executive Summary

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is working to control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) from five outfalls in the mouth of the Duwamish waterway. During the planning phase, King County will consider the input gathered from the community to identify the best solution to control the CSO outfalls and meet regulatory and environmental requirements.

Between June 1 and August 31, 2024, King County conducted community engagement to share information about Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities and hear from community members who live, work, and travel through SODO and West Seattle (Industrial District West). We engaged with nearly 2,000 people.

How we engaged:

- Four community values interviews
- Four in-person outreach events
- Five interested party briefings
- One online open house and survey
- Two virtual public meetings

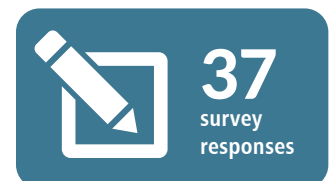
How we shared:

- Door-to-door poster distribution
- Email list updates
- Outreach to community-based organizations
- Postcard mailing
- Social media
- Website updates

Languages we used:

- Chinese (simplified and traditional)
- English
- Khmer
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

Outcomes



What we heard

Each activity in the open house series included an opportunity for participants to share their insights about community values, the factors King County will consider while identifying the best solution, and community engagement strategies.



What we heard	How we'll use it
<p>Access to safe and efficient transportation, community and public safety, healthy built and natural environments, family wage jobs and job training, and strong vibrant neighborhoods are all priorities for community members in the project area.</p>	<p>Supporting our communities' visions and goals aligns with our Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan. As we work to deliver a project that protects public health and environment, we will support community-driven initiatives and assess the potential for each possible solution to deliver benefits in alignment with these neighborhood values. In design, we will look for opportunities to integrate these priorities.</p>
<p>Community members want to see pedestrian infrastructure improvements, clean air and access to green space, and more trees and recreation opportunities in SODO and West Seattle (Industrial District West).</p>	<p>Our team will incorporate these elements in Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities to the extent possible during design.</p>
<p>Community members are interested in learning more about all the factors considered during King County's efforts to identify the best solution.</p>	<p>Once King County identifies the best solution for this work, we will explain how we expect the project to perform related to community and social impacts, environmental impacts, operations and maintenance, cost, and schedule.</p>
<p>There are many projects planned in the project area, and community members will feel the compounding impacts of construction.</p>	<p>Our team will pursue a coordinated approach with Sound Transit and the Seattle Department of Transportation to help reduce construction fatigue and make it easier for community members to get the information they need.</p>

To see answers to common questions King County received during this phase of outreach, explore our planning phase FAQ.

What's next?

In early 2025, King County will identify the best solution to reduce CSOs at the five mouth of Duwamish outfalls. At that time, we will share information by hosting drop-in sessions, sharing emails and briefings with community-based organizations, publishing a project newsletter and listserv emails, updating our website, and posting on social media.

Contact us

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