

King County Wastewater Treatment Division Bellevue Influent Trunk Improvement Project Pre-Construction Community Meeting

Meeting Summary Prepared by Norton-Arnold & Company April 14, 2011

Overview

The Bellevue Influent Trunk Project is a joint project between King County and the City of Bellevue to replace aging sewer pipes near and along 102nd Avenue Southeast in Bellevue. The existing Bellevue Influent Trunk (BIT, red line) owned by King County is over 40 years old and needs to be replaced. The existing pipe is corroded from sewer gas and does not provide sufficient capacity to meet the City of Bellevue's growing demand for wastewater conveyance. The City of Bellevue's West Central Business District Trunk sewer line (CBD, purple line) must also be replaced (dotted line) to provide additional capacity to accommodate Bellevue's growth.



In the summer of 2011, KLB Construction, supervised by King County construction managers, will begin installing a new, larger sewer pipe along Southeast 3rd Street and 102nd Avenue Southeast to replace the existing city and county pipes.

Crews will excavate a trench in the eastbound lane of Southeast 3rd Street and the northbound lane of Southeast 102nd Avenue, install the pipe in the trench, backfill the trench and compact the fill over the new pipe. Pumps and tanks will be placed along the project corridor to control groundwater levels and allow the pipe to be safely installed, bedded, and backfilled.

The following project staff attended the community meeting

Mark Dewey, City of Bellevue
Erica Jacobs, King County Wastewater Treatment Division
Maryann Petrocelli, King County Wastewater Treatment Division
Bibiana Ocheke-Ameh, King County Wastewater Treatment Division
Kelly Purnell, Puget Sound Energy
Aiesh Ragih, KLB Construction
Bill Grady, KLB Construction
Dennis DeMuth, Jacobs
Shanon Kearney, Norton-Arnold & Company

Meeting Format

This second community meeting took place at Bellevue City Hall on Thursday, April 14, 2010, from 6 – 8 p.m. King County's Wastewater Treatment Division sent an invitation to all property owners and residents within the project area in March. Property owners were also notified in advance by email, and information about the meeting was posted on the project website http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/ Construction/East/BellevueInfluentTrunk.aspx . Five property owners and/or managers attended. Attendees were provided an updated project FAQ and comment forms for drop off in a comment box or for mailing.

The meeting agenda included a welcome greeting, project overview, and a brief presentation by the representatives of the City of Bellevue, the King County Wastewater Treatment Division, the project's engineering consultant Jacobs, KLB Construction, and Puget Sound Energy. The presentation covered the following topics:

- Team member introductions
- Project need and benefits
- Project timeline
- Utility relocation project update
- What to expect during sewer construction
- Introduction of the sewer construction contractor
- Community outreach contacts

At the end of the project presentation, King County, Jacobs, and Puget Sound Energy staff answered questions from attendees about the project. Some of the general questions asked and their corresponding responses from staff were:

Comment: The traffic pattern is going to exacerbate traffic on Main Street. There is no way northbound travelling cars will be able to get onto 102nd Ave SE from SE 6th Street during periods of heavy traffic. This will force people to find a way to U-turn on Bellevue Way somewhere to get headed south.

Answer: We will continue to discuss concerns about traffic conditions with the City of Bellevue and the contractor in order to mitigate traffic impacts. We will make sure the contractor's traffic control plan can be adjusted if we find the project is worsening traffic

patterns. A traffic inspector from the City of Bellevue will be assigned to this task as a precaution.

Question: Will the excavated material be stockpiled onsite or hauled offsite? Answer: Material that cannot be reused for the project will be hauled offsite.

Comment: I represent the Bellevue School District. I appreciate the County's efforts to coordinate with us so far in advance related to our bus routes. It has been easy to get information from this team. Please continue to coordinate with us around bus reroutes especially when you are about to begin work on Bellevue Way. We have a southbound stop on Bellevue Way.

Question: When will closure of SE 6th Street take place?

Answer: Yes, SE 6th Street will close once the contractor has official Notice to Proceed. We are targeting around June 17th so that school will be out for the summer.

Question: What work is being done on Bellevue Way?

Answer: We will be doing some temporary bypassing from strategic manholes. We are aiming to get all of the necessary work done before the school year to avoid traffic impacts with Bellevue High School.

Question: How long will it take for the construction train to get past a driveway? Answer: It depends. If we can block half of a driveway to work on the other half, we can move as quickly as two weeks. If we do the whole driveway at a time, we can generally have the work done in a week.

Question to KLB Construction: How much notice will we be given of impacts to our driveways?

Answer: We will hold weekly construction meetings with King County and the City of Bellevue. Notices to neighbors will be posted at least two days in advance.

Question to KLB Construction: What is temporary street restoration? **Answer:** When we have finished our sewer construction work, the street will be a drivable surface rather than plated.

Next Steps

At the end of the meeting, Maryann Petrocelli informed participants that she and the entire community outreach team was reachable via phone or email if there were follow-up questions. The distributed FAQ also included the hotline number for after-hour emergencies. For general project information, she encouraged attendees to contact:

Maryann Petrocelli, King County Wastewater Treatment Division (206) 263-7321, maryann.petrocelli@kingcounty.gov

Shanon Kearney, Norton-Arnold & Company (206) 269-0229 ext. 112, shanon@na-company.com

For city or utility specific information, please contact:

Mark Dewey, City of Bellevue (425) 452-6179, <u>mdewey@bellevuewa.gov</u>

Kelly Purnell, Puget Sound Energy (425) 462-3488, <u>kelly.purnell@pse.com</u>

The project's communications team will continue to keep property owners and residents aware of any project updates through the website as well as through community newsletters and mailers as appropriate. For more information, the project website address is:

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