Murray CSO Control Project – Construction Phase FAQs

What is the Murray CSO Control Project and why is it necessary?

King County transports and cleans the region's sewage and stormwater including the City of Seattle's. This project will help the County protect public health and clean up Puget Sound by preventing raw sewage and polluted stormwater from entering Puget Sound during storms. Building a new, one million gallon storage tank will allow the County system to store excess flows during storms when flow volumes sometimes exceed capacity.

What is the anticipated construction schedule?

Construction will begin in December 2013 and be complete in the fall of 2016.

Will there be impacts to Beach Drive Southwest or parking near Lowman Beach Park?

Through access to Beach Drive Southwest will be maintained at all times. Flaggers will help move construction vehicles in and out of the work site and the contractor will time movement of construction vehicles to avoid times of busy traffic. Work to install utility lines beneath the roadway that will connect the control facility with the pump station will require Beach Drive Southwest to be restricted to one lane at times.

Parking on the east side of Beach Drive Southwest will be closed for the duration of the project. At times, parking on the west side of Beach Drive Southwest may be restricted, particularly during utility work beneath the roadway.

Will this project require weekend and/or night work?

Work hours will typically be between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. The project may require some evening work in order to complete certain activities. King County will notify the community of all work outside typical working hours ahead of the work occurring.

How much noise should I expect?

The most intense construction activities will occur in the first year when the tank is being excavated and installed, and then later when the tank is being connected to the existing conveyance system.

Although all construction activities increase noise levels, construction will be noisier at these times. Should noise become an issue for you please contact the project hotline: 206-205-9186.

Will I be able to access Lowman Beach Park and the beach during construction?

Yes. Access to Lowman Beach Park's facilities, including the playground, tennis court, and the beach, will be maintained for the duration of the project. A 15-foot pathway into the park from Beach Drive Southwest will be provided, except during specific roadway improvement activities. The park's eastern border and the area around the County pump station in the southeastern corner of the park will be fenced off to protect public safety while work occurs to connect the facility to the existing conveyance system, upgrade a nearby city sewer pipe and install a new gate on the County pump station outfall to avoid damage from high tides.

Where can I find more information about the project?

For more information about the construction schedule, site renderings, and project updates visit: www.kingcounty.gov and search "Murray CSO".

Who do I call if I experience problems or have questions during construction?

We have a 24-hour project hotline to answer any questions or concerns and to assist with any problems that may arise during construction. Please call us at 206-205-9186.

You may also leave a comment on the project web page or email: doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov