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Update: Construction activities on 32nd Avenue West

King County's contractor is continuing work to install a new gravity sewer pipeline. The sewer line is one part of a new combined sewer overflow (CSO) control facility in Magnolia that will reduce overflows of stormwater and sewage to Puget Sound during rain storms like those that we experienced this week.

Underground drilling for the new gravity sewer pipeline is currently occurring at both 32nd Avenue West and 23rd Avenue West. The drilling contractor, Mears Group, Inc, is continuing the pilot bore, the first step in the drilling process. For more detailed information on Horizontal Directional Drilling, visit www.mears.net/horizontal-directional-drilling/index.php/hdd/the-hdd-process.

During the week of October 20, Mears crews will begin the "reaming process" to enlarge the bore hole to the final size of the sewer pipe. This work will include many of the same activities that were used during the drilling of the pilot bore. King County is continuing to monitor both noise and vibration to ensure that levels are within specified limits.

In the coming weeks, pipe delivery and assembly will begin on 32nd Avenue West above 33rd Avenue West. People will experience traffic delays while pipe is unloaded from trucks.

What you can expect

- Work hours Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; during the drilling process, crews may work longer on some days to complete tasks that must be finished that day, but they will not exceed the allowed City of Seattle hours.
- Increased truck traffic, crews on site, heavy construction activity, noise and some vibration near the work area.
- Crew members at the site after hours and on Sundays to check site security and operating equipment.

For questions or concerns, or to report a problem, contact our 24-hour construction hotline at 206-205-0968 and leave a message. Leave your contact information if you would like a return call or email.

For more information, visit www.kingcounty.gov and search "South Magnolia CSO", or contact Monica Van der Vieren at 206-477-5502 or monica.vandervieren@kingcounty.gov.