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## Construction activities on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West Final step of drilling process to begin this week

King County's contractor is continuing underground drilling on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West 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 we are currently experiencing.

The drilling contractor, Mears Group, Inc., will begin the last phase of the drilling process this week. This drilling phase is expected to continue through November and will include many of the same activities that were used during the pilot bore drilling.

The contractor expects to have all pipe fusing activities completed by Wednesday, November 19, reducing the traffic delays neighbors have experienced while pipe sections have been



**unloaded and strings have been moved.** Fused pipeline strings will remain on the east side of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West until pipeline pullback, expected to occur sometime during the first two weeks of December.

For more detailed information on Horizontal Directional Drilling, visit <a href="https://www.mears.net/horizontal-directional-drilling/index.php/hdd/the-hdd-process">www.mears.net/horizontal-directional-drilling/index.php/hdd/the-hdd-process</a>.

## What you can expect

- Work hours Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 9 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.

## To our project neighbors on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West

We know this project is as challenging for the neighbors who travel and park on the street as it is for the contractors trying to carry out large scale construction in a tight space. We appreciate your patience with the traffic delays during pipe unloading and pulling pipe strings up the street. We appreciate those of you who have called to report problems so that we can do our best to respond and try to find solutions.

Pipeline pullback is anticipated during the first two weeks of December. The street will be closed to *all public access* for at least 24 hours during this process. Watch for mailings and door hangers for updates as we approach this activity, and please contact us with any questions or concerns. If we have your phone or email contact information, we will be in touch with you directly.

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 <a href="www.kingcounty.gov">www.kingcounty.gov</a> and search "South Magnolia CSO", or contact Monica Van der Vieren at 206-477-5502 or monica.vandervieren@kingcounty.gov.