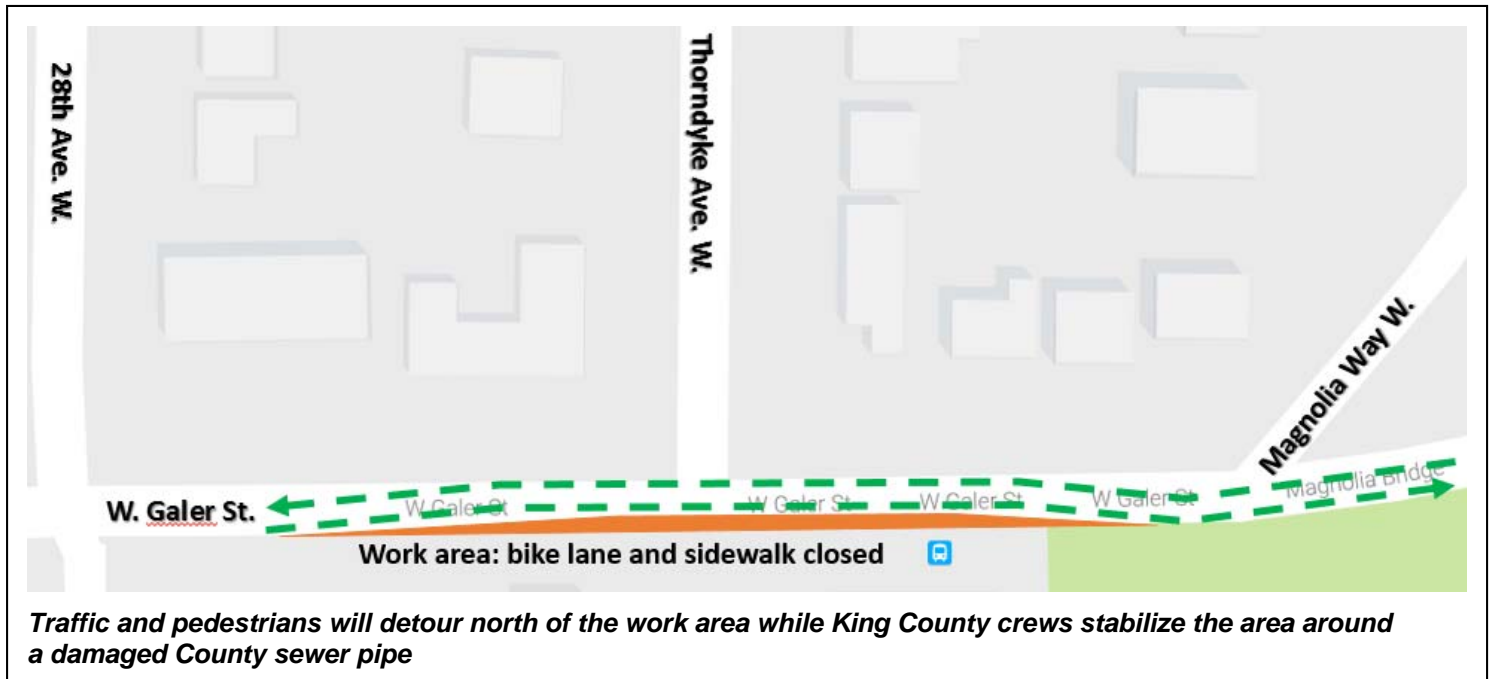


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### King County work to locate break, stabilize area around damaged sewer pipe continues through first week of 2017

*No work from December 24-26 and December 31-January 2*

King County contractors finished drilling about half of the survey holes necessary to help locate a break in a County sewer pipe 150 feet beneath the surface of W. Galer St. in Magnolia.



The survey work should finish in the first week of January 2017. Crews will not work from Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 – Jan. 2.

County contractors are using two small drill rigs to drill holes approximately 130 feet deep in the W. Galer St. right of way to confirm the exact location of the pipe break. Crews fill any areas of soil loss discovered along the pipe with grout. Traffic detours north around the work areas for about 500 feet on W. Galer St. and the eastbound bike lane and sidewalk are closed. The bike lane and sidewalk reopen after work finishes each day. Steel plates cover active drill sites after hours. Some plates may extend into the bike lane.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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*Find out what to expect!*



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### What to expect:

- Work from 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. weekdays
- No work Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 – Jan. 2
- Traffic lanes shifted north on W. Galer Street between 28th Ave. W and Magnolia Way W.
- Traffic control personnel on site to ensure residential access and detour traffic around the work area
- Equipment staged in the Magnolia Park parking lot
- Steel plates in the eastbound bike lane
- **Bicyclists should take extreme caution passing through the work area after hours**
- Normal sewer service maintained

### What's next?

Crews will begin cleaning out the damaged pipe on Thursday January 5. The cleanout will occur at the Magnolia Wet Weather Storage Facility near Smith Cove. We expect to finish cleaning out the damaged pipe by the middle of January.

King County will share more information about its plans to repair the pipe after cleaning out the pipe and assessing the damage.

### Why is this work necessary?

King County must repair a damaged pipe designed to send flows to the County's Magnolia Wet Weather Storage Facility. The pipe and facility work together to keep sewage and stormwater out of Puget Sound during storms and prevent Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs).



*Two small drill rigs help crews confirm the pipe break's location. Any areas of soil loss found along the damaged pipe are filled with grout.*



*Traffic flaggers will detour cars, bikes and pedestrians around the work area*