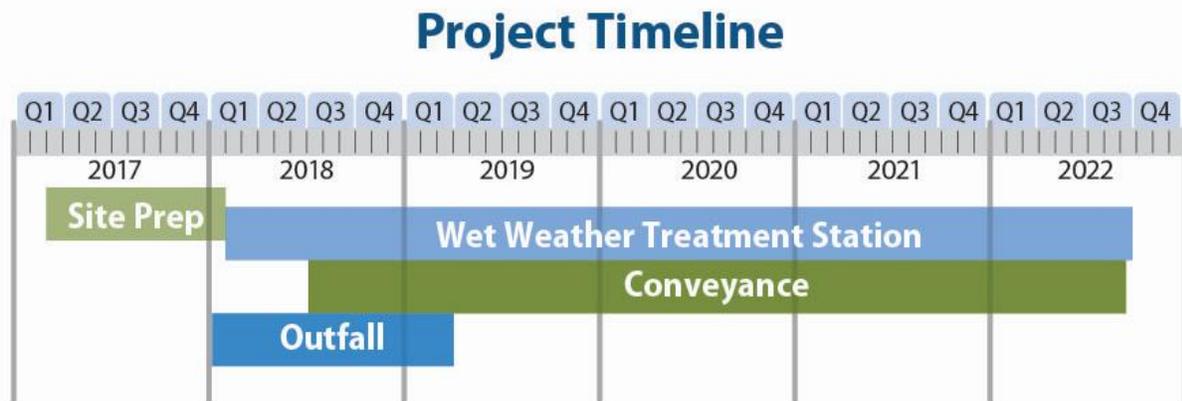


## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What is the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station project?

Right now, heavy rains can fill up our sewer pipes, sending polluted runoff and sewage through a pipe that overflows into the Duwamish River. King County is building a wet weather treatment station to help clean up the river by treating runoff and sewage during heavy rains before safely discharging back into the Duwamish River. The project includes construction of the new treatment station at the corner of Fourth Avenue S. and S. Michigan St. in Georgetown, related pipes, and a new outfall structure under the First Avenue South bridge.

### What is the project timeline?



### How did the community influence design?

The community was an important part of the design process. Starting in early 2015, a Design Advisory Group was formed to help guide the design of the new treatment station. The advisory group learned about the project, created guidelines, and reviewed initial design concepts. The design guidelines focused on neighborhood character, as well as on air and water quality impacts. King County also gathered feedback from the community at meetings and events, and online. In winter 2015, over 100 neighborhood businesses and residents talked with the project team about the project and their community.

### Did this project go through environmental review?

King County completed environmental review for the project under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). SEPA is the Washington State Department of Ecology's environmental review process. Many environmental and community concerns were considered in the design of the project. The SEPA process determined that there are no significant adverse impacts to the natural and built environments. These include impacts to wildlife, air quality, traffic, environmental health, and utilities. Since there are no significant adverse impacts, mitigation is not needed.

### What happened during site preparation?

In September 2017, contractor Titan Earthwork completed site preparation and demolition activities. Crews demolished and removed aboveground structures and removed underground utilities, fuel storage tanks,

and contaminated soil. Crews also installed a new security fence around the site and graded the site to level the ground.

**What will happen during construction?**

Demolition and site preparation are complete at the treatment station site. Construction of the wet weather treatment station, outfall pipe, and connecting pipes will begin in 2018 and will take approximately five years to complete. During construction, you can expect to see large trucks and equipment moving in and out of the site as crews build the treatment station facility. Crews will also install underground pipes to connect the existing pipes to the treatment station, which will include work on and near roadways. Crews will also construct an outfall pipe leading to the Duwamish River. There may be traffic impacts as pipes are installed. There will also be increased noise. King County is committed to keeping the community informed in advance of construction activities.

**How will you keep me updated about the project during construction?**

We are committed to working with the community during construction to provide information, progress updates, and advance notice of major activities, and to work to find reasonable solutions to community concerns. The outreach team will notify you via fliers, email, or web updates. In the event of an emergency or last-minute change, we may contact you by phone. We also maintain a 24/7 project hotline where you can call us with your specific questions or concerns at 206-205-9286.

**What are the typical construction work hours?**

Typical work hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. We will notify you in advance for work outside of these hours.

**Will you close the surrounding streets and access to businesses and residences?**

The majority of treatment station construction work will occur on the project site, and access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout construction. You can expect increased truck traffic to and from the Treatment Station property, especially near the main entrance on Fourth Avenue South. There will be closures during construction of the conveyance pipes and outfall near the river. Signs and flaggers will safely direct traffic and pedestrians around the work area when temporary lane closures are needed.

**How are you preparing for construction noise and vibration?**

The City of Seattle regulates construction noise and we will be following their requirements to minimize noise impacts. We require the contractor to follow “Best Management Practices” (BMPs) to minimize noise and meet City regulations. Some aspects of the construction process may require short term work that exceeds everyday noise requirements, and the contractor will obtain variances from the City for those activities. For such work, the City will require the review and approval of a Noise Management Plan. This work will be intermittent and relatively short in duration. When noisier construction activities cannot be avoided, the County will work with the contractor to help reduce their potential effects on the adjacent properties. The County will also work with the contractor to address noise complaints in compliance with City of Seattle requirements. Nearby residents and businesses may feel some level of vibration at times during construction. We will provide notice prior to activities anticipated to cause vibration and we are already working with the nearest neighbors to monitor vibration. Please call our project hotline at 206-205-9286 with any noise or vibration issues.

**Will there be increased dust and dirt around the construction site?**

We know that dust and dirt is a community concern because of the project’s close proximity to businesses and residences. King County will be striving to prevent or minimize any air quality impacts from the project in accordance with regulatory requirements of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. We require the contractor to follow appropriate “Best Management Practices” (BMPs) to minimize dust and provide erosion and sedimentation control. BMPs include covering soil loads, washing truck tires, sweeping the street when needed, watering the site during dust-creating activities, and taking other reasonable measures to manage dust.

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