



King County

Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

Tam o'Shanter Golf and Country Club Briefing

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018

7 - 8 p.m.

Tam o'Shanter Country Club Conference Room

1313 183rd Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Overview

King County outreach staff briefed the Tam o'Shanter Board of Directors and residents about the project and answered questions from participants. The presentation included a high-level project overview, work planned for each project segment, anticipated construction methods and how community members can stay in touch with the project team.

Attendance

Eight board members and three residents attended the briefing.

Summary of feedback

Attendees were interested in traffic impacts to their neighborhood during construction, the timeline for construction of each segment and details about the recycled water line. Several voiced concerns about the combination of construction and population growth contributing to significant traffic delays.

The following questions were asked by board members, staff and residents during the briefing:

Traffic mitigation

How will King County manage traffic on West Lake Sammamish Parkway?

We recently conducted a [traffic study](#) to understand existing traffic patterns, project traffic patterns, and how our project could change the capacity of the road during construction. We recognize that West Lake Sammamish Parkway is busy road and that traffic is already a concern. We are working with the City of Redmond to identify the best ways to keep vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic moving smoothly. Where possible, we will maintain two-way traffic. Some areas of the roadway are narrow and we may be down to one lane. In these instances, we will either detour traffic in one direction to another route or use flaggers to move both directions of traffic through the open lane.

How will you keep traffic from cutting through small residential streets in our neighborhood to avoid your work zone on West Lake Sammamish Parkway?

We cannot stop drivers from choosing to take alternative routes to avoid our work zone. However, we would not identify a small, residential side-street as part of our detour route. We do not know yet whether we will need to detour traffic off of West Lake Sammamish Parkway, but should we need to, we would look to arterials and wider roads that connect between larger arterials to safely handle that traffic volume. All detour routes will be reviewed and approved by the City of Redmond and/or the City of Bellevue.



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Could the elimination of the bike lane on West Lake Sammamish Parkway provide enough space to keep two-way traffic?

This may be possible in some locations. The project team is currently working on traffic control plans for the project and evaluating whether lanes can be narrowed or shifted to maintain two-way traffic. Our traffic control plans will need to find ways to keep vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic moving safely. These plans will be reviewed and approved by the City of Redmond.

Is King County aware of projects underway in Bellevue that may impact traffic on West Lake Sammamish Parkway in Redmond?

King County's sewer upgrade is in the City of Redmond and they will ultimately review and approve traffic control plans for our work on West Lake Sammamish Parkway. However, we will coordinate with the City of Bellevue to understand whether they have planned projects for the same construction period as our work and work to reduce compounding impacts, wherever possible.

Construction impacts

Has King County considered working during nighttime to limit traffic impacts?

King County has considered nighttime work. However, most construction will be very close to residents' homes, so nighttime work is not feasible. We will share this suggestion with the project team, but ultimately, we will follow the direction we receive from the City of Redmond on work hours.

Will the segments be constructed sequentially?

We won't know the sequence and schedule for construction until a contractor is selected in 2019. The contractor may choose to work north to south, south to north, or use multiple crews to conduct work in several areas at once. There are some constraints that will inform the schedule, such as environmental regulations and seasonal constraints. For example, the groundwater levels may make it difficult for the contractor to complete work in certain sections of the alignment during the wet, winter season. This work may be limited to drier parts of the year.

Recycled water line

Will there be an opportunity for businesses to tap into the recycled water line to irrigate at this Golf Course?

The recycled water line will stop at Marymoor Park and additional work would be needed outside of this project for the line to be put into service. At this time, there is not infrastructure available for use of recycled water at Tam o'Shanter.