



Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

Fall 2021 Virtual Neighborhood Meeting Summary

Date, Time, and Location

September 30, 5:30-7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Purpose

The neighborhood meeting provided an opportunity to share information with the public about the proposed detour options, share news about tree removal and restoration, provide a schedule update, and revisit general information about the project. This meeting fulfilled the City of Redmond permitting requirement under RZC 21.76.060. Participants of this event were able to:

- Learn about the project
- Ask King County and City of Redmond staff questions
- Provide input prior to the City of Redmond acting on project permits
- Sign up as a City of Redmond Party of Record

Attendance

Fifteen people attended the virtual event. Six people signed up as a Party of Record.

Notification

The following tools and channels were used to advertise the online open house:

- King County sent email invitations to more than 3,000 project email list subscribers announcing when the sites were live and reminders while the site was open.
- King County mailed a [newsletter](#) to approximately 15,239 people along the project alignment. The mailing list included Parties of Record list and Notice of Application list (provided by the City or Redmond).
- King County posted an update with links to the virtual neighborhood meeting on the project webpage in Arabic, Chinese (Traditional and Simplified), Hindi, English, Russian, Spanish languages.
- King County posted Twitter and Facebook ads promoting the neighborhood meeting. The Facebook post was translated in Arabic, Hindi,

Join us for virtual neighborhood meeting

In 2019, King County started a process to acquire permits for this project from the City of Redmond. We recently submitted updated project plans to the City for their consideration. We invite you to join King County and the City of Redmond for a virtual neighborhood meeting to get the latest information on:

- Project schedule
- Sammamish River Trail detours
- Road closures and detours
- Fish and wildlife protection

At the meeting, we will provide closed captioning and interpretation in American Sign Language, Arabic, Cantonese, Hindi, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish. We'll also post a recording of the meeting to our website afterwards: kingcounty.gov/KCredmondsewer

People of all abilities are welcome at these meetings. Please let us know how we can welcome you. Contact Kelly Foley Kruse at 206-477-8621 or kelly.foleykruse@kingcounty.gov.



Learn more at a virtual neighborhood meeting

When: Thursday, September 30, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

RSVP online at: bit.ly/KCredmondsewer
or by calling Kelly Foley Kruse at 206-477-8621.

For questions for the City of Redmond or to become a party of record, please contact:
Scott Reynolds, Planner, at sreynolds@redmond.gov or 425-556-2409
Permits: LAND-2021-00377, 00378, 00379
redmond.gov/1317/Lake-Hills-and-NW-Lake-Sammamish-Sewer-U



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Russian, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese.

- Project staff emailed community partners to request their help in sharing the links to the project webpage advertising the meeting.

Meeting format

The meeting was held on Zoom Webinar. After welcome and introductions, the project team gave a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. The meeting was made accessible through the following methods:

- Closed captions and subtitles in Arabic, English, Hindi, Russian, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese
- Language interpretation provided in Arabic, Cantonese, Punjabi, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish.
- American Sign Language

A copy of the recorded presentation is available on the Lake Hills/NW Lake Sammamish project website along with an electronic comment form to collect feedback. Videos will be recorded with in language subtitles.

Questions received during the Q&A session

The following questions and comments were given through the Zoom Webinar Q&A Tool:

Design

Where exactly is the shared-use path going to start and stop?

Danny Applegate (HDR) responded that the shared-use path would start approximately at the Marymoor Park entrance and proceed north to the end of a section underneath SR-520. Where the northbound shared-use path ends, pedestrians and southbound bicyclists would be directed onto sidewalk that leads towards Leary Way. Southbound bicyclists would be directed to dismount. Northbound bicyclists would be directed to use the bike lanes along Marymoor Parkway or could dismount onto the sidewalk.

Environment and restoration

Are you going to take out the Five Sisters Western Red Cedars just north of the Connector bridge? It has taken a long time for them to grow to their current maturity. Planting new trees would scarcely "replace" them.

Lisa Danielski (HDR) reviewed the current Tree Preservation Plan submitted to City of Redmond. At this time, the plans indicate the stand of cedars need to be removed just north of the Connector bridge. An arborist and the King County design team concluded that these trees are in a critical area that would impact the root system located near the existing sewer pipe and the location of where the new pipe will be installed. Danny Applegate (HDR) noted that a section of the Sammamish River Trail will be regraded for ADA-accessibility to connect with the Redmond Central Connector. This is an additional constraint that will further impact the tree roots in this location.



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After the meeting, King County's team heard from several community members about the importance of this stand of cedar trees. The County's team was able to adjust the design to save two of the four cedar trees that were previously scheduled for removal. For the two trees that must be removed, the County committed to exploring options to repurpose them into the landscape (e.g. for habitat enhancement). The County will consider how we can pay tribute and tell the stories of these trees.

Currently the Sammamish River Trail doesn't have many trees. Is it possible while restoring the trail area to plant trees along that pathway?

Lisa Danielski (HDR) responded that King County's team of landscape architects, arborists, and ecologists have researched and proposed restoring temporary construction impacts and enhancing the habitat along areas of the Sammamish River Trail to add more wetlands and stream buffers. King County will maintain sight lines along the trail, which requires that plantings are placed in areas that provide access and maintenance to the trail. King County will replant using native trees and shrubs where possible along the riverside of the trail.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) added that tree removal and replacement is an area of ongoing coordination and code compliance with the King County project team. The City is reviewing the plans and trying to preserve as many trees as possible. The City understands that the community values trees and tree preservation. They are working on finding a balance for preserving trees while making the sewer upgrade project feasible.

While working along 177th Ave NE will any trees be removed from the Idylwood overflow parking lot?

Lisa Danielski (HDR) responded that there are not any trees planned for removal from this area.

Will you widen the Sammamish River Trail when you restore it?

Danny Applegate (HDR) responded that once underground work is complete, the team will rebuild the trail to at least its current width. Between NE 85th Street and Leary Way, the project team will partner with King County Parks to widen the trail as part of the site restoration. The new trail in this section will be approximately 14-foot-wide with a 2-foot-wide gravel shoulder on the water side and a 4-foot-wide gravel shoulder on the land side. The remainder of the trail will be restored to its current width, which is 10-to-12-foot-wide gravel with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders on each side.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) said the City of Redmond is coordinating with King County to expand the trail where needed. Many trail sections are located in the shoreline jurisdiction where code compliance and coordination are being reviewed.

Construction

If you are doing a full road close during daytime hours, will we have access to our driveways?

Erik Williams (King County) responded that there will be times that construction crews will need to work in front of driveways. King County crews will coordinate access with homeowners, tenants, and businesses to and from their driveways and parking lots. There may be times that people will be notified



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to relocate their cars nearby for a short period of time so that crews can finish construction. King County will provide advance notice of anticipated construction activities so that people can plan ahead.

Kelly Foley Kruse (King County) added that there will be occasions when crews may need to close a lane of traffic in one direction. When this happens, driveway access would only be available in one direction. For example, on 180th Ave NE, if a road is closed and your driveway is off that road, you would only be able to access your driveway from northbound NE 24th or southbound from West Lake Sammamish Parkway during the closure.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) added that the City of Redmond will coordinate with King County and help to ensure that neighbors have access to and from their properties.

What is the diameter of the pipe being installed? And is it polyethylene?

Danny Applegate (HDR) responded that the pipe size varies between 54 and 27 inches at different points in the alignment.

The pipe material has not been determined. It will likely be fiberglass or PVC pipe. Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe may be used for a short section of pipe along West Lake Sammamish Parkway from 172nd Ave NE to 177th Ave NE where the system will be pressurized.

Will I still have sewer service during construction?

Kelly Foley (King County) responded that sewer service will be maintained during construction. When replacing existing pipes, crews will use a bypass pipe on the surface to keep flows moving during construction so that residents don't experience disruptions to sewer service. Erik Williams (King County) added that there may be times when crews ask residents not to wash clothes or flush toilets for 15 minutes, but it would be for a very brief period of time.

I have heard from King County that the City of Redmond does not plan to allow construction on 177th Ave NE during the best possible weather. Has that idea been revised or rethought?

Danny Applegate (HDR) responded that King County is required to maintain access to Idylwood Park during the peak summer months and therefore will not perform construction adjacent to Idylwood Park or the overflow parking lot during the summer months. The project team understands that these are high traffic areas. The area along 177th Ave NE that is south of the Idylwood overflow parking lot would likely be done outside of the summer months. King County This has been discussed with the City and is still pending approval, but King County has added this as a requirement of the project.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) added that the City of Redmond is in close coordination with King County on planning for detour routes and road closures.

You reference this project is to be undertaken (built) in several phases. This suggests there will be multiple construction locations. Can you clarify how many sites can be expected?

Kelly Foley Kruse (King County) responded that the sewer alignment won't be under construction all at one time. However, there may be multiple crews working along the sewer pipe at multiple locations. After the County hires a contractor in 2023, the contractor will provide a schedule of when they will



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complete the work. At that point, the County will have a better idea of when each section of the sewer pipe will be completed and what the sequencing of the work will be. The County will share this information through our project channels and hold a community meeting.

Are you coordinating with other construction projects in the area?

Andrea Clinkscales (King County) responded that the King County project team is coordinating with other agencies conducting construction in the area, including Microsoft, Sound Transit, and other local jurisdictions, in order to anticipate any potential overlaps in planned construction projects. While overlapping construction is sometimes unavoidable, the team will coordinate with these groups to see if there are ways to reduce compounding construction impacts to you. Much of this coordination will happen through conversations with the City of Redmond, who permits all of that construction work.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) added that he has been coordinating with Sound Transit and the Microsoft project. As these projects develop, the City is working to proactively address and coordinate routes and road closures in order to help ensure community members have access throughout their neighborhoods.

Kelly Foley Kruse (King County) added that she is also helping to coordinate from a communication standpoint between agencies and jurisdictions to make sure that neighbors are getting the information needed to plan ahead of construction.

Redmond has indicated one Idylwood parking area is to remain open when construction is underway. Does this exclude the summer months?

Danny Applegate (HDR) clarified that both the main Idylwood Park parking lot and the overflow parking lot will be open during the summer months. At least one parking lot will remain open at all times during the non-summer months.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) added that more coordination related to detours and road closures will continue between the City of Redmond and King County after post-entitlement review period ends.

Regarding construction noise, many have transitioned to working from home so daytime construction noise could impact being able to do that work. Knowing allowed decibels could possibly help to know if working from home will be possible during construction.

Danny Applegate (HDR) responded that King County will be required to meet City of Redmond decibel level requirements. Danny couldn't recall the decibel limits during work hours but committed to following up with that information.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) added that the noise levels are set by the state and that he will make sure that decibel level information is shared in this summary. Here is a link to the [Noise Standards](#) in the City of Redmond's Municipal Code.



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Bus routes

The Metro 249 bus route no longer runs (after the pandemic). Do you plan on restoring this? It will help give alternatives to car use during construction.

Kelly Foley Kruse (King County) responded that King County King County Wastewater Treatment Division is a part of King County, but that King Country Metro is responsible for bus routes. Kelly shared King County Metro contact information in the chat and encouraged the commenter to reach out to King County Metro for more information: https://kingcounty-metro.force.com/customers/cs_app#/cs/ride

The idea that preference is given to residents of other jurisdictions over those of us in the neighborhood feels like you're treating us as second-class citizens.

Kelly Foley Kruse (King County) responded that the sequence of construction is designed to be constructed as safely and as quickly as possible. We've heard from the City of Redmond and members of the community that access to Idylwood Park is important, particularly in summer months, and that feedback helped to drive decisions being made to restrict work during the summer months.

Scott Reynolds (City of Redmond) acknowledged this comment and responded that the City of Redmond is looking at ways to reduce impacts to all park users during construction. Idylwood Park is a community asset, and the City of Redmond works to provide access for all who want to use it. Scott said he was happy to follow up with the person who made this comment to discuss this question further.

After the meeting, Scott Reynolds followed up with the resident directly.

Post-meeting survey

The survey below was launched in a popup window at the end of the meeting to provide participants another opportunity to leave additional questions or comments for King County and City of Remond staff. No responses were received.

Thank you for participating at the Lake Hills/NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade virtual neighborhood meeting. You can share additional feedback with King County Wastewater Treatment Division and the City of Redmond staff here. If you would like to receive a response, include the following information:

- Name
- Email
- Phone number