



# NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

SPRING 2021

## CONSTRUCTION AHEAD:

### Major construction set to begin later this year across north Mercer Island and southwest Bellevue

King County is upgrading four miles of sewer pipeline across north Mercer Island and southwest Bellevue. In addition to the new sewer pipeline, King County will upgrade the County’s North Mercer Pump Station, as well as the City of Mercer Island’s Lift Station 11 at Fruitland Landing. The pipes, installed in the 1970s, are aging and reaching capacity.

The sewer upgrade is a big project that’s been years in the making and will involve years of construction. We expect construction to begin this fall and be complete in 2025. Some of the work will be in heavily used public spaces, and some will be in residential areas. The end product will provide great public benefit, but the work to get there will involve inconveniences to residents and park and trail users. We are committed to keeping you informed about what’s happening and why in order to minimize impacts wherever possible.

**If you live near the future pipeline, you have heard from us over the past years. If you live on the south side of Mercer Island, you are receiving this because you will see construction as you head off the island.**

*You will see construction in many public spaces...*



*...on residential streets.*



*...in Enatai Beach Park.*



*...along the I-90 Trail.*



*...on North Mercer Way.*



*...underneath the East Channel.*



**LOOK INSIDE FOR A MAP OF THE ROUTE AND WHAT TO EXPECT.**



# Getting from there to here

Design on the project began in 2016 and will wrap up this spring. During the design phase, the project team created a plan for the new sewer pipe that included its location, size, technical needs, associated equipment, and construction details. At the same time, the project team made plans to upgrade the North Mercer Pump Station and Mercer Island's Lift Station 11 to accommodate the new sewer line. The team completed an environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), acquired the necessary permits to do the work, and developed contract specifications for construction.

While the engineers were designing the pipes and equipment, we were talking with nearby neighbors. Thank you to everyone who helped us understand your neighborhood and its values.

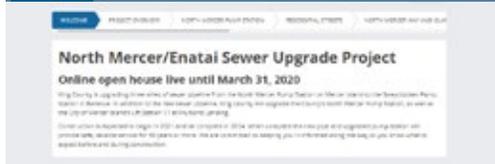
Over the past four years, we have:



**100s**  
Talked with hundreds of you on the phone, in person and via email.



**2** Offered 2 online open houses.



**6** Gave briefings to more than a dozen community or special interest groups and held 6 community meetings.



**5** Walked neighborhood streets on 5 walk and talks.



**7** Attended 7 community events.

The last year with COVID-19 means we haven't been out in the community in the same way, but we have continued working for you. We developed a series of detailed fact sheets to help neighbors and stakeholders understand a range of project elements. We supported continuing field work and pre-construction activities to get the project area ready for major construction. And we remained available via phone and email to address your questions and concerns.

## CONSTRUCTION COMING SOON

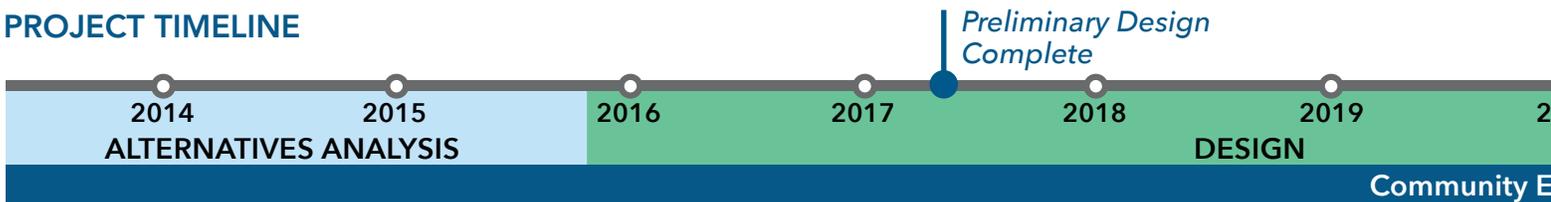


This spring and summer, we will prepare for major construction activities, expected to begin this fall. That means we will finalize our contract documents and job specifications, hire contractors to do the work, and get all the paperwork in place to get started.

As we near construction, here are some things to keep in mind:

- ▲ Construction overall will take four years, but most locations will see much shorter work durations. There will be times when construction is occurring in several locations simultaneously.
- ▲ King County is committed to being a good neighbor during construction. We provide advance notification of construction activities as well as a 24-hour construction hotline.
- ▲ This is a big project and most people won't be impacted by all of it. That's why we're planning targeted communications for different locations and different concerns.

### PROJECT TIMELINE



# King County's Commitment to Restoration

Construction will take a while, but once it's over we will restore and improve areas we impact.



Streets will get new pavement



New crosswalks will be ADA compliant



The I-90 Trail will be restored or resurfaced, consistent with Washington State Department of Transportation standards, and in alignment with Mercer Island's Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan.



The North Mercer Pump Station will have new landscaping.



We will plant trees to replace the ones we remove and restore shorelines.



Final Design Complete

Project Complete

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025  
PROCUREMENT & CONSTRUCTION  
Engagement (ongoing)



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Este boletín informativo brinda información acerca del proyecto de actualización del alcantarillado en el norte de Mercer/Enatai, el cual comenzará a construirse durante este año en Mercer Island y Bellevue. Para obtener más información, llame al 206-477-5415, deje un mensaje con su número de teléfono e indique su idioma. Se proporcionará un intérprete sin costo.

本通讯为您提供有关北 Mercer/Enatai 下水道升级项目的信息，该项目将于今年早些时候在 Mercer 岛和 Bellevue 开始建造。如需更多信息，请致电 206-477-5415，使用您的电话号码留言并选定您所讲的语言。我们将免费提供口译员服务。

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### Talk to us!

For more information, or to schedule a virtual meeting, please contact:



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