

December 15, 2014

Drilling activities wrapping up the week of December 15

King County's contractor is almost done with the pipeline installation on 32nd Avenue. The sewer line, about 3000 feet long, is one part of a new combined sewer overflow (CSO) control facility in Magnolia that will reduce overflows of stormwater and sewage to Puget Sound during rain storms we are currently experiencing.

Over the weekend, the Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) contractor, Mears Group, Inc., pulled all but 100 feet of the fused pipeline through the borehole alignment that extends from 32nd Avenue West to the exit point at Smith Cove Athletic field. Because the alignment is in a downhill orientation unusual for HDD, draining material from the pipe has taken longer than anticipated. We appreciate the flexibility and patience of residents who worked with us as we carried out the most critical part of this project over the weekend.



Residents on West Galer and Logan Streets can access homes across the work site. Please drive slowly and follow directions from flaggers.

During the next week, the final 100 feet of the pipeline will be pulled through, equipment and shoring will be removed from 32nd Avenue West, and cleanup will continue. We will provide you updates as work continues.

Special note:

During the week of December 15, 32nd Avenue West is open to residents, deliveries and services, and emergency services ONLY.

ALTERNATE FORMATS AVAILABLE: 206-477-5371 / TTY Relay 711

What you can expect

- **The contractor intends to continue work from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.; however, until the last 100 feet of pipeline is pulled, the contractor may need to work overnight. Most activity is focused on 23rd Avenue West.** The contractor is working under an approved noise variance from the City of Seattle.
- For neighbors who have provided email addresses and/or phone numbers, we will notify you of any late work.
- The soil separation plant located by the Howe Street Bridge will not be needed for casing installation or pipeline pullback.
- You will see activity on 32nd Avenue West to remove drilling equipment, remove shoring in the drill pit, clean the street, and carry out other post-drilling activities.



View from the West Howe Street bridge of the pipeline pullback down 32nd Avenue West.

Special notes for project neighbors

- Aside from residents, deliveries and service providers, and emergency services, there will be no public access to 32nd Avenue West during cleanup.
- Emergency access will be maintained, and the contractor has notified emergency services of the closure.

For questions or concerns, or to report a problem, contact our 24-hour construction hotline at 206-205-0968 and leave a message.

Leave your contact information if you would like a return call or email.

For more information, visit www.kingcounty.gov and search “South Magnolia CSO”, or contact Monica Van der Vieren at 206-477-5502 or monica.vandervieren@kingcounty.gov.