



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Wastewater Treatment Division

NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI

Sewer Upgrade Project

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## Utility work on SE 35th Place between E. Mercer Way and Briarwood Lane planned for early February

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) continues to prepare for a sewer upgrade project in Mercer Island and parts of Bellevue. As part of the preparation for this project, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is scheduled to relocate a gas line starting as early as **next week**, with an underground electrical distribution line relocation following. A Comcast communication line will also be relocated later this winter. More details and advance notification on the Comcast communication line relocation will be available in the coming weeks.

PSE's upcoming work will take place on SE 35th Place between E Mercer Way and Briarwood Lane. See map on reverse for approximate work locations.

### Work may include the following construction activities:

- **Mapping utilities:** Before relocating the gas and electrical distribution lines, PSE crews will mark existing utilities with washable paint.
- **Confirming utility locations:** PSE may also pothole to confirm utility locations. Potholing uses trucks and other equipment to bore small holes that confirm the location of existing utilities in the roadway.
- **Relocating utilities:** To relocate utilities, crews will use a technique called open trench construction which involves digging a trench allowing for the removal and relocation of existing utilities.



All planned construction is tentative and subject to change based on work area conditions.

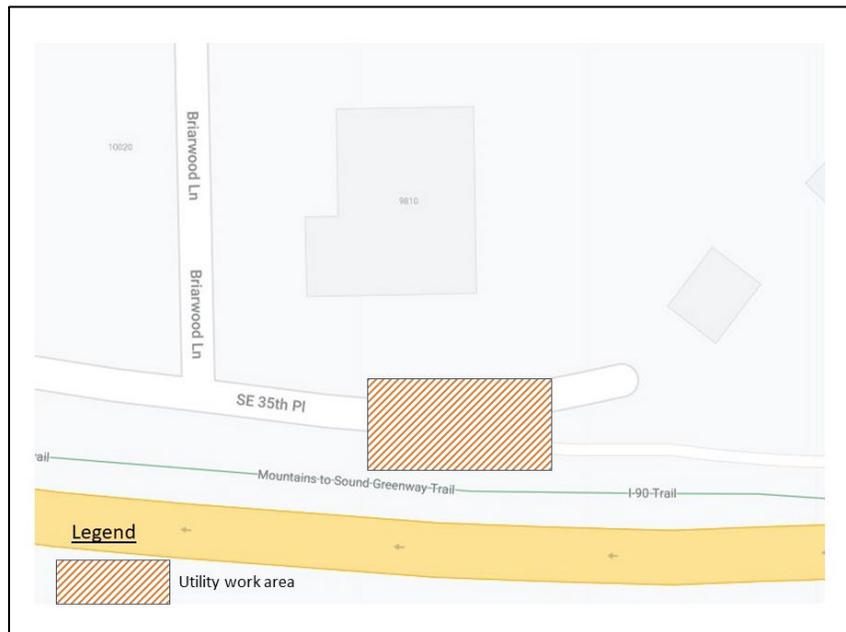
### What you can expect:

- As early as next week, PSE and contractor crews will begin relocating utilities along SE 35th Place.
  - Gas and electric work will take approximately four (4) weeks to complete.
- The typical work schedule is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Flaggers will alternate the direction of traffic around a single lane closure as needed.
  - If a full road closure is needed, PSE crews will move construction vehicles to allow drivers to enter and exit the work area, as needed.
  - Emergency access will be provided at all times.
  - Crews will conduct utility relocation work near driveways and will maintain access, though residents may see delays entering and exiting homes when work is directly in front of driveways.
  - If driveway access will be impacted, PSE crews will notify residents prior to work starting.

- **Some customers along the project route may experience a temporary interruption of natural gas and some customers may experience a planned power outage. If an outage or interruption of service at your property is required, you'll be informed of the details in advance.**
- For customers who will have their natural gas service interrupted, work inside customer homes may be required to re-light appliances after the service interruption. PSE technicians are trained to protect against coronavirus while doing this work. If coronavirus concerns prevent entry, our technician or customer service representative can explain your options. Please call 1-888-225-5773 for more information.
- Lower trail access along SE 35<sup>th</sup> (that leads to the boat launch) will be temporarily impacted during the work. **No impacts are expected to the Mountains to Sound Greenway/I-90 Trail.**
- In some cases, vegetation (trees/bushes) may need to be trimmed in the right-of-way near driveways, so crews can complete the work.
- Neighbors may notice noise and vibrations typical of a construction area.
- When work is complete, the site will be restored to existing site conditions according to City of Mercer Island permits.

**For more information and questions about PSE's work:**

**Contact Lance Davenport, Project Manager**, at 1-888-404-8773 or [majorprojects@pse.com](mailto:majorprojects@pse.com)



*Work will take place on Southeast 35th Street, east of Briarwood Lane. Crews will maintain access to homes and coordinate with homeowners if access will be interrupted.*

We will continue to share information about the project on our website, in project emails, mailings, and as we get closer to construction through the City of Mercer Island's Let's Talk webpage. We are always available to talk to you and your neighbors by phone and online small group meetings. Let us know if you'd like to schedule a conversation!

**For more information about the North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project:**

**Contact Kristine Cramer** at 206-477-5415 or [kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov). OR

**Sign up for text alerts.** Text KING MERCERSEWER to 468-311.

**Visit the project web page** at [www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer](http://www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer).

**ALTERNATIVE FORMATS AVAILABLE**

**206-477-5371 / 711 (TTY Relay)**