

Construction Progress Update – January 17, 2019

Thank you for your continued patience during the pipe installation and pump station upgrades. Much of the work is underground or inside buildings so it can be hard to see, but we are making progress! The map below shows the work locations, installed pipe, and pipe left to install.

Here is what we've accomplished as of mid-January:

- Replaced more than a mile of old pipe that was at the end of its service life about 90% of the pipe to be replaced by this project
- Completed the two most difficult pipe installations under West Lake Sammamish Parkway and Vasa Creek
- Restored two of the five pits dug to install the pipe. The remaining pits are needed to finish
 installing the last 400 feet of pipe.



A segment of pipe being lowered into the pit for installation. The pipe is six feet wide.



Ongoing road and lane closure information is posted on the project website. Until all pipe installation is done, and road closures are lifted, we will update the website as conditions change.

Schedule update

The project is still on schedule to be completed at the end of 2020. The pipe installation work, originally projected to be done at the end of 2018, will continue through late spring 2019. We will share the most current schedule information through our emailed construction updates and the project website.

Please do not rely on the electronic signs posted on the road for schedule information. Those signs convey the estimated duration of a specific construction activity - not the entire project, as required by the City of Bellevue.



Workers install pipe in the pit 32 feet underground.

The pipe installation, and associated road work, has taken longer than anticipated. We know this work, combined with other construction projects in the area, increases congestion and transit times along already busy streets. We regret the disruption our work has contributed to your community and continue to work closely with the City of Bellevue to identify ways to reduce the impacts to neighbors and commuters.

The schedule extension results primarily from the project encountering undocumented underground utilities and soil conditions. It is not uncommon for this to happen in a rapidly developing area.

As you may remember the County project team investigated the location of underground utilities during design and again before the start of construction. Although this review was thorough, some of historical documentation was inaccurate. Potholing, a method of digging test holes to find out and

confirm what is underground, is an effective tool for a general evaluation, but cannot locate everything that is underground.

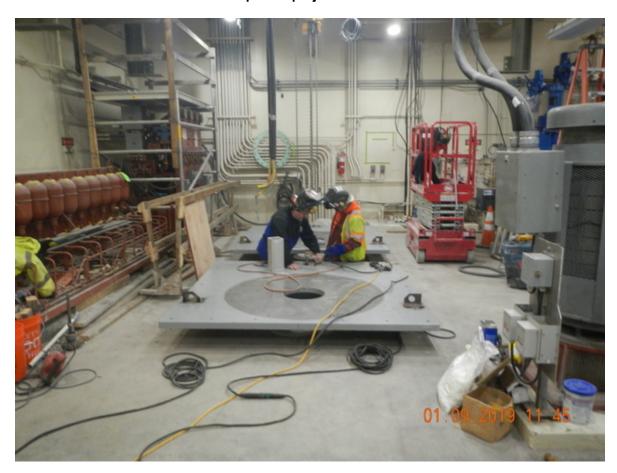
Encountering unexpected underground utilities is dangerous to workers and is likely to disrupt important services if not dealt with carefully. For these reasons, the contractor must stop working. When this happens, the project team works to find out who owns the utility and then rework the plan to accommodate the utility. All of this takes time and extends the length of the road closure.

We continue to do what we can to proactively discover and address underground utilities so we can keep working as fast as is safely possible.

Remaining work

Major road work should be complete in late spring 2019. While there will be other short road and lane closures for equipment deliveries and road restoration, remaining work will primarily be at the pump stations.

See below for work information for specific project locations.



Workers inside the Sunset Pump Station.

Please note that the schedule and duration for construction is tentative and subject to change as work progresses.

SE 35th PI

Work: Complete open cut pipe installation and temporary paving

Where: SE 35th PI near the intersection with 164th PI SE

Estimated completion: Spring 2019

164th PI SE

Work: Complete jack-and-bore pipe installation, backfill pits and restore access to 164th PI SE

Where: Between the intersections of SE 35th St and SE 35th Pl.

Estimated completion: spring 2019

W Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE

Work: Complete open cut pipe installation, and tie-in new pipe with the upgraded pipe network and

Sunset Pump Station

Where: W Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE near Sunset Pump Station

Estimated completion: Spring 2019

SE Eastgate Way, SE 35th PI, 164th PI SE and W Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE

Work: Final restoration work, pavement and sidewalk repair, replant vegetation and landscaping

Where: Full project area and spot locations **Estimated completion**: Summer 2019

Heathfield and Sunset Pump Stations

Work: Equipment upgrades

Where: Sunset and Heathfield Pump Stations

- The Sunset Pump Station is located on W Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE near the intersection of SE 38th St.
- The Heathfield Pump Station is located on 163rd Ave SE near the intersection of 164th PI SE

Estimated completion: Mid 2020

For more information:

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