



King County
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Wastewater Treatment Division

Sunset and Heathfield Pump Stations and Force Main Upgrade

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May 10 Update: Crews continue to investigate the new force main pipe

Before a pipe is put into use, but after it has been fully installed, the contractor must test it to make sure it is airtight. The testing of the new force main revealed several air leaks that need to be corrected before the pipe can be used to carry wastewater.

King County's contractor is currently investigating the air leaks in the new force main pipe in three locations: along SE 35th Place, 164th Place Southeast, and near the Heathfield Pump Station. The contractor plans to also investigate additional areas along the force main pipe between the Sunset and Heathfield pump stations. Crews will need to expose sections of pipe to access, investigate and correct the air leaks. Crews may also need to remove or reinstall the force main in some areas depending on the extent of the investigation.

In both locations, crews will use shoring to keep workers safe as they dig to expose the installed pipe. Leaks of this sort are never welcome but are common enough that the industry has developed testing standards to discover them before the pipe is used to transport sewage.



What to expect:

- **Increased noise and vibrations:** Neighbors can expect noise and vibrations from excavators, shoring installation and vacuum trucks as crews expose sections of pipe for closer inspection.
- **Current work hours:** Weekdays and weekends from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please note that work hours may need to be adjusted as the leaks are identified and repairs are made.
- **Single-lane closures** on 164th Place Southeast and SE 35th Place during work hours
- **Intermittent single-lane lane closures** on 163rd Avenue Southeast, and Lake Sammamish Parkway Southeast during work hours.
- **Access maintained for services:** Access to homes and driveways will be maintained and prioritized. Access will be maintained for emergency services, waste pickup, and mail delivery.



The schedule and duration for construction is tentative and is subject to change as work progresses. We will continue to provide email notices with updates on timing of specific construction activities.

For more information:

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