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East Ballard

Project Background

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WATER QUALITY PROJECT

Seattle Public Utilities and King County Wastewater Treatment Division are building an underground storage tunnel to significantly reduce the amount of polluted stormwater and sewage that flows into the Lake Washington Ship Canal, Salmon Bay and Lake Union from our sewer system during storms.

The tunnel is 2.7-miles long, running from Ballard to Wallingford, and approximately 18-ft, 10-in wide. It will temporarily hold more than 29 million gallons of sewage and stormwater during heavy rain. When the storm passes, the stored sewage and stormwater will be sent to King County's West Point Wastewater Treatment Plant.

East Ballard Site Elements

In spring 2020, Seattle Public Utilities and King County will begin work in East Ballard for the Ship Canal Water Quality Project. Work will include:

- Soil stabilization
- Building the new storage tunnel
- Building a drop shaft near the intersection of 11th Avenue NW and NW 45th Street to collect flows and send them to the tunnel
- Installing new pipes to convey polluted stormwater and sewage to the tunnel
- New underground structures to house mechanical and electrical equipment, and odor control

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What to expect during construction

King County

- Construction-related noise, traffic, dust and vibrations
- The Burke-Gilman Trail will be detoured to the north side of NW 45th St from July 2020 early 2023
- Traffic impacts to 11th Ave NW and NW 45th St, including one-lane and full-road closures, will occur intermittently now through 2022.
- Removal of some trees in the project area
- Possible nighttime work
- Increased truck traffic
- Parking restrictions

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East Ballard Schedule



Onsite construction

The following photos are examples from other construction sites



Site Preparation

In spring 2020, crews will mobilize to the work area and set up fences for the safety of crews and people nearby.



Soil Stabilization

After the site is set up, we will begin preparing the soil for underground construction using stabilization techniques (jet grouting, ground freezing, etc.).



Excavation & Construction

Crews will dig beneath the surface to prepare and build underground structures that will be used to access the storage tunnel for operations and maintenance.



Diversion Structure Construction

Crews will excavate and build an underground diversion structure which will send untreated sewage and stormwater to the storage tunnel during heavy rains.



Site Restoration

Once construction is complete, all impacted areas will be restored to previous conditions. This will include the landscape restoration, repaving streets and sidewalks.

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