Keeping traffic moving during construction

When sewer pipes lie underneath residential streets, construction to repair or replace them can require single lane or full street closures during work hours that cause traffic impacts. Trained flaggers work to maintain traffic flow, services, deliveries, and emergency access for project neighbors. Traffic control supervisor Karlynn Stieber heads up a team responsible for traffic sign placement and coordinating with drivers and construction crews to keep traffic moving efficiently and safely through construction areas. Karlynn and her crew work one on one with residents to address individual access issues.

While sewer construction can affect traffic flow, the efforts of crew members like Karlynn Stieber help to reduce impacts to area residents and commuters and keep drivers and crews safe during construction.

Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer Construction moves into Innis Arden

King County’s contractor has completed construction of over 7,500 feet of the new Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer and water lines in Richmond Beach, from the Richmond Beach Pump Station to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. In late May, Frank Coluccio Construction Company (FCCC) crews placed a temporary pavement patch. They will remove manholes and abandon the old sewer line before installing a full-width pavement overlay and widened asphalt shoulder in fall 2007.

In early June, crews moved to Northwest 190th Street, just west of the Innis Arden Clubhouse, and began replacing sewer and water lines in Innis Arden. Temporary above ground water lines have been installed to provide service while both water and sewer lines are replaced.

Work in Innis Arden is expected to take about a year. As in Richmond Beach, open trench construction will be used to install new pipes. In some locations, multiple pipes will be installed, some at depths of up to 25 feet. Since all utilities in Innis Arden are located underground, and many of the new pipes are deep, construction work in this area will be complex and may take extra time.

Neighbors can expect to see trenches and large equipment in the streets, and should watch for flaggers and obey traffic signs when traveling in the area of active construction. The contractor will store construction materials and equipment in the city’s right-of-way to save time and reduce traffic impacts that would be created by hauling materials to the construction site.

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Collaboration with Seattle Public Utilities improves water service

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and King County are coordinating construction of new sewer pipes and new water lines in SPU’s Shoreline Service Area. In 2006, SPU replaced over 100 water service taps, which link their water mains to houses. In cooperation with SPU, King County’s contractor is now replacing 5,000 feet of water lines and 12,000 feet of sewer lines. Construction impacts to the community are significantly reduced by upgrading both the sewer and water lines at the same time.

SPU Project Manager Charles Oppelt has worked closely with King County’s construction team and the contractor as water line work has proceeded. To carry out this work, SPU crews re-route water service or construct temporary water lines at the street level. The contractor crews can then excavate sewer and water lines to replace them with new pipe. New water pipes are disinfected and tested before they are put into service.

SPU informs residents 48 hours prior to planned disruptions in water service. Residents with questions or concerns about water service should call 206-684-5800.

By project completion in 2008, the collaboration will improve water service as well as increase flows to fire hydrants. For more information about water service:

- Call Charles Oppelt, Project Manager, at 206-615-1314

Boeing Creek Park Update

Visitors to Boeing Creek Park have seen major construction work since July 2006 to install a large wastewater storage pipe and supporting facilities. Installation of the 12-foot diameter pipe, which will help prevent overflows to Puget Sound during large storms, was completed in October 2006. Since then, crews have worked inside the pipe to construct a channel to efficiently move low volumes of wastewater during normal operations and to install a smaller pipe to keep air moving and help control odors.

Several underground structures have been built in the park to control odors and wastewater flows during large storms. King County’s contractor completed grading of the city’s stormwater detention pond to increase capacity and stabilized it with soil amendments and native wildflower mix.

Construction of new sewers on 10th Avenue Northwest and Northwest 175th Street is also winding down.

All facilities in and around Boeing Creek Park are expected to be completed and online in late 2007. The City of Shoreline will then begin park improvements with funds provided by the county.
**Construction accomplishments: Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project**

1. Replace part of the Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer
   - Complete work in Innis Arden by fall 2008.
   - Construction in Richmond Beach complete by September 2007.
   - Use current sewer route.
   - By end, replace about 12,000 feet of sewer.
   - By end, replace about 5,000 feet of water mains for Seattle Public Utility.

2. Build a new underground storage pipe
   - Complete construction by late 2007.
   - Build a 500,000-gallon pipe in Boeing Creek Park.
   - Complete underground flow and odor control structures.
   - Deepen the city’s stormwater pond.
   - Replace about 1,000 feet of pipe in the street by micro-tunneling and trenching.
   - Restore streets after construction ends.

3. Replace Hidden Lake Pump Station
   - Complete construction by early 2009.
   - Complete building foundation.
   - Increase the pumping capacity from 4.3 million gallons per day to 6.8 mgd.
   - Design building and landscape to fit the community.
   - Install equipment to optimize system operation and reduce odors and noise.

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### Project component number
- Richmond Beach
- Wastewater Service Area
- Overflow to Puget Sound

### Existing sewer line
- Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer Line to be replaced

### Completed activity
- New sewer construction complete

### Water body
- Road

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**MAP:**
- To Edmonds Treatment Plant
- Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer Line
- Hidden Lake Pump Station
- Puget Sound
- Hidden Lake Pump Station Overflow
- Richmond Beach Pump Station
- Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project
- Summer 2007

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**Note:**
- # Project component number
- New underground storage pipe
- Replace Hidden Lake Pump Station
- Completed activity
- Existing sewer line
- Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer Line to be replaced
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**Legend:**
- # Project component number
- New underground storage pipe
- Replace Hidden Lake Pump Station
- Completed activity
- Existing sewer line
- Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer Line to be replaced
- Road
- Water body
Hidden Lake Pump Station
& Sewer Improvement Project

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More information?

■ Call the 24-hour construction hotline at 206-205-5968. A staff person will be paged and will respond promptly.

■ Contact Jennifer Kauffman, King County Wastewater Treatment Division, at 206-263-6029 or jennifer.kauffman@metrokc.gov. Ask to be added to the project mailing list or e-mail list.


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During construction, permitted work hours are 7 a.m. until 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Crews usually start work at 7 a.m. and finish by 5 p.m. weekdays.

Construction in Innis Arden is expected to be completed by fall 2008. At the end of construction, residents will have new water and sewer lines with a design life of 50+ years. Roads will be completely repaved and have a widened asphalt shoulder. Neighbors with questions or concerns are encouraged to call the 24-hour hotline at 206-205-5968.