Alki Pump Station 38 Improvement Project

Improving service reliability in your neighborhood.

Project Overview
Throughout the city of Seattle, SPU pump stations move sewage and storm water to wastewater treatment plants. In recent years Pump Station 38, located near Alki beach, has experienced a significant increase in flows through the station.

For this project, SPU will convert current pump station from an airlift type station to a standard pump station. This conversion will improve service reliability, improve system performance, and reduce maintenance requirements and costs.

In addition to upgrading the pump station, SPU is working with an artist to install art in the area around the pump station.

Location
Pump Station 38 is located in West Seattle's Alki Beach Park near 1411 Alki Ave SW.

Benefits to the Community
- Increase flow capacity of Pump Station 38
- Reduce the risk of station failure
- Ensure the pump station is compliant with existing codes
- Make the station safer for maintenance crews
- Install a new public art piece

Schedule
Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2021 and should take about 9 to 12 months. 

Note, the construction schedule and duration are dependent on weather and other factors.

What to Expect During Construction?
- Construction noise, dirt, dust, and vibration
- Slowed vehicle traffic
- Equipment, signage, and materials will be staged in or near the work area
- Partial road closure and parking restrictions near the work area
- Access restrictions to the walking and biking path along Alki Beach Park

Stay in Touch
SPU will provide updates about the project and art concept during design and throughout construction. Learn more and sign-up for the email list by visiting: www.seattle.gov/utilities/PS38.
Art Installation at Pump Station 38
Seattle Public Utilities, in coordination with the City of Seattle Office of Arts & Culture (ARTS) and the 1% for Art Program, is working with an artist to create an art installation as part of this project. This art will be installed at the pump station on Alki upon completion of this project.

Preliminary Art Concept

The rich natural history of Alki Beach and West Seattle infuses the area with a profound sense of place. From the vast water vistas and creatures within to the unique and difficult terrain that once housed forests of ancient cedar trees, there is a story here that is as long as it is deep.

The artist, Sarah Thompson Moore, developed this proposed artwork that seeks to tell some of that story through the lens of the present and the fingerprints of human contact. The artist’s goals are to create an engaging space for trail-goers to explore themes of connection to place, history, nature and human influence.

This piece is currently in the initial phase of design, and we are seeking feedback from the community to inform the final design of the art installation on Alki.

We Want to Hear from You!
Visit the Alki Pump Station 38 Project website (www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/pump-station-38-improvements) to learn more about the initial art concept and to share your feedback with the project team and the artist. Please provide feedback online by Friday, August 14.