

Frequently Asked Questions

Henderson North Combined Sewer Overflow Reduction Project Construction in 57th Avenue South

Why is Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) doing this project?

Sewers in the project area carry raw sewage away from the neighborhood for treatment at King County's treatment plants before discharge to Puget Sound. When it rains, these same sewers also carry stormwater from neighborhood roofs, foundation drains, and some streets. During heavy rains, if the amount of raw sewage and stormwater exceeds the sewer system capacity, the excess overflows through outfalls into Lake Washington at the end of 57th Avenue South. The term for these overflows is "Combined Sewer Overflows," or CSOs, and they are a public health and environmental concern. **The goal of the North Henderson Project is to reduce the number of these sewage overflows from the project area so that this area complies with regulatory standards.** The project area is located in southeast Seattle and includes Seward Park in Basin 44 and Martha Washington Park in Basin 45.

What are some construction impacts I can expect?

SPU's project team is working to minimize impacts where possible and create a safe work zone in the 57th Avenue South right-of-way. Construction will occur at the dead end of 57th Avenue South at Martha Washington Park. Information will be provided regularly during the construction period through the project website and email listserv updates. General impacts include:

- Parking restrictions at the southern boundary of Martha Washington Park (eastern end of 57th Avenue South).
- Regular work hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The contractor also expects to work on Saturdays in order to complete construction activities as quickly as possible. Certain activities may require longer hours on occasion.
- Increased truck and construction vehicle traffic on 57th Avenue South, near the construction site.
- The southeast corner entrance to Martha Washington Park will be closed (at the dead end of 57th Avenue South); however, the Park will remain open during construction.
- Noise, dust, and vibration during construction activities.
- Driveway access in the project area will not be impacted.

What is the construction schedule?

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-September 2015 and is estimated to take approximately six months to complete.

What can I expect during construction?

At various times and with varying intensity, you can expect machinery, some increased noise, mud, vibration, and dust in and near the project area, most of which will be confined to the construction site. For your safety, please stay away from construction trucks and equipment. The best way to stay informed on the latest construction schedule is to check the project website or sign up for our email listserv at: <http://www.seattle.gov/cso/northhenderson>.

How will cars, bikes and pedestrians be impacted?

Pedestrian, bike, and automotive traffic impacts will be limited to 57th Avenue South and the haul route. SPU will take safety measures to ensure that all changes to traffic will allow for safe travel near the construction site. Specifically:

- There will be increased truck and construction vehicle traffic in and around 57th Avenue South near the construction site.
- Parking for Martha Washington Park will also be impacted as parking will be restricted near the southern boundary of the Park. This area will be reopened once construction is complete.
- There are no anticipated impacts to bus routes or bicycle routes in this area while construction is underway.
- There will be minimal impacts to pedestrians during construction.
- Access to neighboring homes will be maintained throughout construction.

How can I be notified of changes to the construction schedule?

Please sign up for our email listserv to receive the most up-to-date information about construction and anticipated impacts: <http://www.seattle.gov/cso/northhenderson>.

What will happen during construction?

The sequence of construction activities is currently planned as follows:

- Excavate existing piping and maintenance holes within 57th Avenue South
- Install new 96" pipe and maintenance holes for storage during rain events (to prevent CSOs)
- Minor electrical work
- Street and landscaping restoration
- System testing

Will Martha Washington Park remain open during construction?

Martha Washington Park will remain open during construction; however the southeast entrance will be closed. Park users can access the Park around its perimeter.

More questions?

Sign up to receive email updates from us at the project website:
<http://www.seattle.gov/cso/northhenderson>.

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