

March 22, 2022

Greetings,

My name is Katie Wilson, and I am a project manager at Seattle Public Utilities (SPU). As you may recall from a letter we sent out last summer, we are completing a project to upgrade Pump Station 71, which is located at the western end of SW 98th St.

The project has just completed 90% design, so I wanted to send an update to the community with some more details on the work.

Wastewater pump stations across Seattle are used to pump sewage and stormwater to treatment plants to protect the health of our people and waterways. During an evaluation of SPU's pump stations, we identified that Pump Station 71 needs substantial upgrades to improve worker safety and to keep the system working at its full capacity. SPU is proactively making improvements to this critical sewer infrastructure to ensure we continue providing reliable sewer service to you and your neighbors.

For this project, most of the work will take place within the underground pump station. However, you can expect that there will be surface work and construction staging in the street surrounding the pump station. Some anticipated construction impacts include:

- Closure of the SW 98th St shoreline street end throughout the duration of the work
- Restricted street parking on SW 98th St
- Limited vehicle access on SW 98th St; local access for residents, emergency vehicles, and deliveries will be maintained
- Construction-related noise and vibrations; this work will include some asphalt and concrete demolition

As part of this effort, we'll be making some improvements to the shoreline street end as well. Some of the improvements include:

- Removing the guardrail and extending the useable street end 20+ feet to the east.
- Replacing the current bench as well as creating a pad for wheelchair access.
- Installing beach logs and adding native plants and new trees to enhance the natural area in the street end.

We expect that construction will begin as early as spring 2023, and it is estimated to take 6 - 9 months. Once we have a contractor on board, we will send out more detailed information regarding the construction schedule. If you have questions in the meantime, please reach out to me using the contact information below.

Thank you,
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P.S. SPU will also be installing a new water main along 51st Ave SW and along SW 98th St between 50th Ave SW and 51st Ave SW as part of a multi-site drinking water pipe replacement project. Our project teams are in touch to minimize construction conflicts and to coordinate restoration activities. Additional notice will be provided prior to construction. In the meantime, please contact the Project Manager, Ian Fitz-James, Ian.Fitz-James@seattle.gov, if you have questions related to that project.

Pump Station 71 Improvements Construction area



Shoreline Street End Improvements (renderings)





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