



ENATAI BEACH PARK

SOUND TRANSIT'S EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION; CITY'S ENATAI INLET STATION REPLACEMENT and KING COUNTY'S SEWER UPGRADE PROJECT

Background

Over the next several years, three construction projects will be occurring within areas of Enatai Beach Park:

1. Sound Transit's I-90 East Channel Bridge Improvements as part of East Link construction
2. City of Bellevue's Enatai Inlet Station replacement; and
3. King County's North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project.

Sound Transit intends to use an area within the Park underneath the I-90 roadway to perform bridge improvement work on the East Channel Bridge and stage construction equipment for additional work on I-90. This work is part of the construction on the I-90 portion of the East Link light rail project (www.soundtransit.org/eastlink).



After Sound Transit's work is complete (currently estimated to be in late 2019) and in coordination with King County's Wastewater Division's North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project, the City's Utilities Department plans to replace the Enatai Inlet Station. (<https://utilities.bellevuewa.gov/>)

King County plans to place a new sewer pipeline within a similar area under I-90, with an underground pipe connection through Enatai Beach Park to an existing sewer line in Lake Washington that serves Bellevue households east of the Park. (www.kingcounty.gov)

The City's Parks, Transportation and Utilities Departments have been working with both Sound Transit and King County Wastewater to minimize the impacts and disruptions that the light rail and sewer projects may have on Enatai Beach Park. The majority of the work for Sound Transit's and King County's projects will occur underneath I-90, adjacent to the park area, on freeway land owned by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT.) WSDOT is allowing use of its land by Sound Transit and King County for these two projects. WSDOT also leases land to the City of Bellevue for a portion of Enatai Beach Park. Bellevue's project will have temporary impacts on parking, but has a shorter timeframe and will be scheduled to avoid peak seasonal usage of the Park. The work area will be fully restored following construction of all three projects.

Sound Transit's East Link I-90 East Channel Bridge improvements

The City and Sound Transit worked collaboratively to define how park operations will be affected. The I-90 bridge improvement work may involve closing a portion of the parking lot underneath the freeway to allow for construction activity on the underside of the bridge. Construction began on October 13, 2017.

Work will include seismically retrofitting the portions of the East Channel Bridge to reduce the structure's vulnerability in a seismic event and prepare for future East Link construction and operation.

This work may cause twelve parking spaces to be unavailable for six months, outside of summer months. Access to remaining parking spaces and Enatai Beach Park will be maintained throughout construction.

Construction fencing, trailers, cranes and lifts, lighting and signage will be in place to delineate the construction zone. Trucks and other vehicles will also access the site and intermittent noise and vibration during construction may be noticeable.

In December 2016, Sound Transit issued an Addendum to its Final Environmental Impact Statement (2011) to address project refinements along the East Link I-90 segment alignment. Project refinements include updates to the WSDOT-owned properties and right-of-way to support the construction and operations of the project by refining seismic retrofit areas, construction staging areas, including Enatai Beach Park, and general station design refinements. To view the SEPA Addendum, go to www.soundtransit.org and search "2016 East Link SEPA Addendum."

For more about coordination efforts:

City of Bellevue Contact: Camron Parker, Senior Parks Planner
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<https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/> (Search: Enatai Beach Park)

Sound Transit Contact: Zack Ambrose, Outreach Specialist
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Approximate construction area for bridge improvement work and construction staging area (by Sound Transit)

City of Bellevue's Enatai Inlet Station Replacement

Enatai Inlet is one of 13 inlet stations where Bellevue draws water from the regional water supply. It is the primary source of drinking water and fire protection for the Enatai Neighborhood and customers near

Meydenbauer Bay. It was installed over 50 years ago, and requires replacement due to access problems, safety deficiencies and capacity limitations.

Bellevue Utilities is currently evaluating alternatives to replace Enatai Inlet. Work is anticipated in 2020, to avoid conflicts and optimize coordination with Sound Transit and King County projects. Temporary impacts such as light traffic and partial parking lot closures would be anticipated during construction, and mitigated by seasonally scheduling the work. No permanent community impacts are anticipated beyond parking limitations (similar to the current station).

For more about the project:

City Contact: Doug Lane, Utilities Department
425-452-6865 | dlane@bellevuewa.gov
<https://utilities.bellevuewa.gov/> (Search: [Projects in Your Neighborhood](#))

King County's North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project

King County is currently designing an upgrade to its sewer line that carries wastewater from Mercer Island and Bellevue to the Sweyolocken Pump Station near Mercer Slough in Bellevue.

Much of the project will take place under the freeway, on WSDOT right-of-way, in an area not improved for park use. King County continues to meet with the City, and directly with local neighborhood groups as the design of the project progresses. Trenching will occur within the improved park area to connect the new pipeline to existing infrastructure and rehabilitate the current sewer line located under the swimming beach area. This work will require closure of the Park lawn and swimming area for a period of time as yet unknown, but currently estimated to start in 2021.



Project information: www.kingcounty.gov (Search: North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade)

For more about coordination efforts:

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King County Contact: Kristine Cramer, Wastewater Treatment Division
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www.kingcounty.gov (Search: North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade)