





In January 2020, PSE received a clearing & grading permit to begin construction of the transmission line along the entire alignment except for the Southeast 16th Street. This segment will be completed later, so PSE's work can be coordinated with future transportation improvements by the city. PSE's projected construction and landscaping schedule calls for tree removal in the winter of 2020, pole and wire construction in the spring and summer, and landscaping and site restoration in the fall.

## Tree Mitigation

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The project involves the estimated removal of 295 trees on city-owned property, mainly in the right of way. During the permitting process, the city spent significant time working with PSE to set the alignment to avoid impacts to most significant trees. There were some locations on the alignment where the project was unable to avoid impacts to significant trees; mitigation has been required in those situations. Mitigation will include the planting of new trees and the installation of landscaping to restore impacted areas along the route. The exact number of trees to be replaced is being determined through the clearing & grading and right of way use permits discussed above. These permits will include construction plans for the landscape restoration and mitigation.

Per the conditional use permit requirements, PSE will contribute \$856,740 to the City of Bellevue to compensate for the value of the city-owned trees to be removed. This money will be placed in a fund to help pay for landscape restoration and mitigation materials only, including plants and irrigation, that will be required for the project.

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