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Eliot Sewer and Stormwater Project

Soil Sampling for Upcoming Sewer Improvements

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Environmental Services is designing a project to repair or replace up to 10,000 feet of public sewers in the southern portion of the Eliot Neighborhood. Many of the existing combined sewer pipes are deteriorating due to age or are undersized for the sewer and stormwater flows in this area. This project is one of many that will protect the public and the environment by reducing the possibility of sewage releases to homes, businesses and streets.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2017. Environmental Services is currently modeling flows in this area and collecting soil samples to better understand conditions in advance of construction. More information will be mailed this year, as plans develop.

Project Area

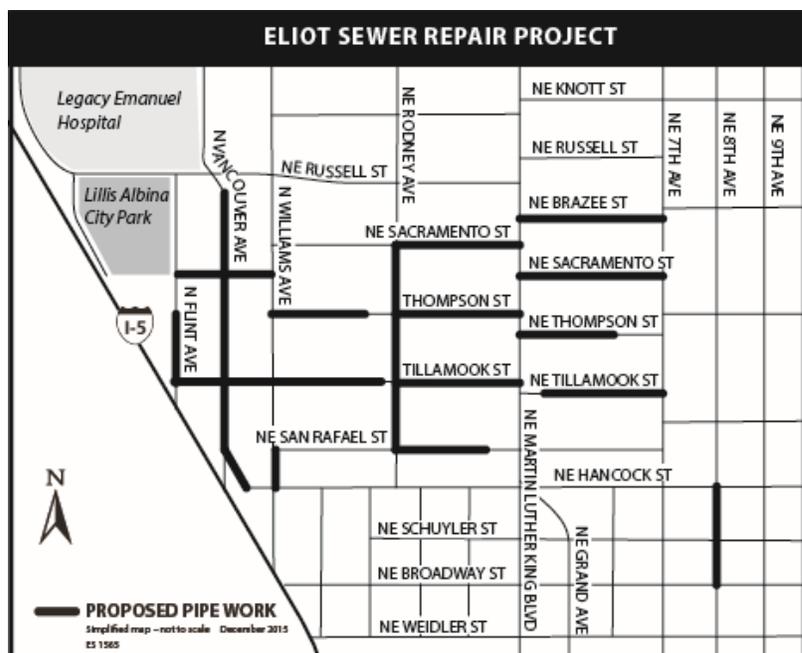
The Eliot Sewer and Stormwater Project (see map) will include repairing existing sewer lines, rebuilding larger diameter pipes in some locations, and incorporating stormwater management, where possible, to reduce flows into the sewer system. We will be reaching out to neighbors and businesses to better understand access needs.

Soil Sampling

For approximately five weeks beginning January 18, work crews will be drilling holes in street pavement and taking soil samples at many locations throughout the project area to help the design engineers understand conditions that construction crews may encounter. What the engineers learn from analysis of soil, rock and pavement samples will help them determine construction methods.

Before drilling starts, crews will be in the neighborhood to locate and mark underground utilities by painting stripes on streets and sidewalks or placing colored flags in landscaped areas. To learn what each utility locate color means, visit

www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/precon.



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Over one-third of Portland's 2,500 miles of sewer pipes are more than 80 years old. Projects to replace or repair aging sewers are important for protecting water quality, public health, and the environment. Learn more at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes.

What to Expect During Soil Sampling

Soil sampling will occur Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Crews will work at approximately three locations a day beginning Monday, January 18. They will drill holes a few inches in diameter and fill them immediately after they finish drilling. This work may require temporary lane restrictions and on-street parking closures. There may be brief periods of noise, dust and mild vibration during drilling. Work at each location will last a couple of hours.

For More Information

If you have questions, comments or concerns about business operations, disability issues or medical or business deliveries, please contact Cheryl Kuck at 503-823-7898 or **Cheryl.Kuck@portlandoregon.gov**. To sign up for periodic email updates, email Cheryl with "Eliot" in the subject line. If you provide your address, we may be able to provide you with specific construction information about your location, as plans develop. You can also check the project webpage for up-to-date information at **www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/eliot**. More information will be mailed in the next months for this project.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important sewer repair project.

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