

# Willamette River Watershed

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## Eliot Sewer and Stormwater Project Night Work Proposed for MLK Jr Blvd Intersections between NE San Rafael and Brazee Streets

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Environmental Services is designing a project to construct, replace, or repair up to 10,000 feet of public sewer pipes 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 Method

Many of the pipes in this project are well over a hundred years old and will need to be fully replaced with larger diameter pipes. The city uses many construction methods to repair or replace sewer pipes. For this project, most of the work will be done using traditional open cut excavation, where heavy equipment is used to dig a trench and the existing pipe is replaced with a new larger one. In a few locations, trenchless methods will be used. More information on sewer construction methods can be found at: [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods). Individual laterals – the connections from the main line to private properties – are usually excavated from the street to the curb using heavy equipment.

Environmental Services is proposing that the pipes that cross or extend into MLK Jr. Blvd at the intersections of NE Brazee, Sacramento, Thompson, Tillamook, and San Rafael Streets be repaired at night in addition to mid-day hours. Due to the high volume of traffic, it is difficult to do the work during the limited hours during the mid-day (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). Night work would allow crews to work safely while there is less traffic on this busy street.

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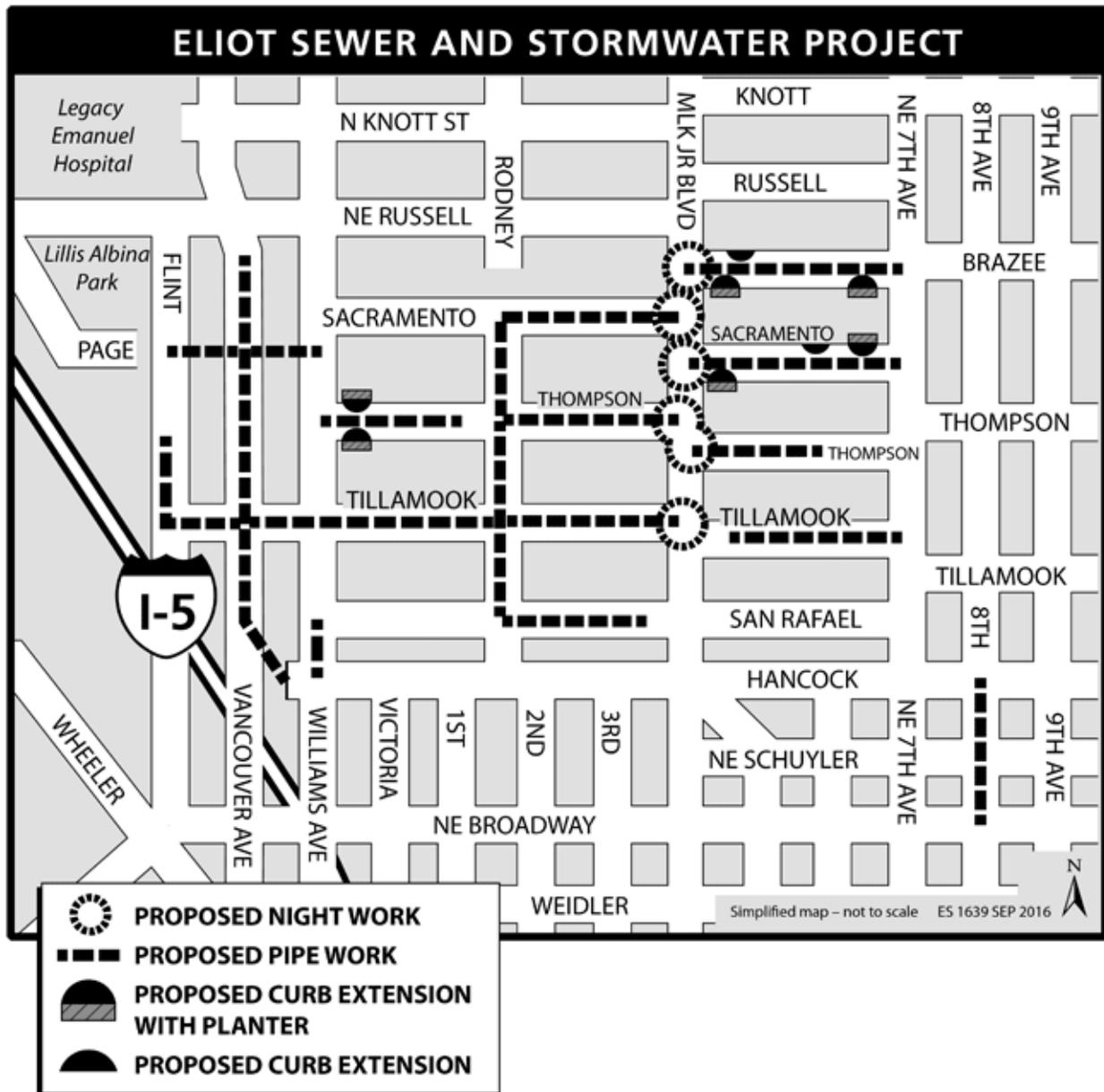
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The Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant serves over 600,000 people and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week to treat an average of 70-million gallons of sewage a day.

Learn more at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes).

Environmental Services will be applying for a noise variance to work outside of typical construction hours at these specific locations at MLK Jr. Blvd. This may include up to a week and a half at each intersection at night on both the west and east sides of the intersections with MLK Jr Blvd (see map below).



**Construction Schedule**

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin spring 2017 and should be complete in fall 2018. Some night work could occur for up to a week and a half at the six locations at MLK Jr. Blvd. For the pipes in the intersections of MLK Jr. Blvd, we anticipate needing to work outside of typical construction hours to keep traffic moving and crews and road users safe.

## Noise Variance

Portland noise code allows construction from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Work after 6:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. and all hours on Sundays requires a noise variance from the Portland Noise Office. The city is applying for a noise variance to allow up to 52 nights of work outside of typical construction hours from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. at six locations, non-consecutively. The pipe installation process would require the use of trucks, the movement of pipes and other equipment, assembly of pipes in trenches, access into manholes, and lighting for crews to work at night. Back-up beepers on trucks will not be used at night. A city inspector will be on site during the work.

## Submit Comments to Portland Noise Office

Your comments regarding the proposed noise variance are valuable and can be submitted to the Portland Noise Office by letter, email or telephone. Please comment by October 24, 2016:

- Write to:  
Portland Noise Office  
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 110  
Portland, OR 97204
- Email **noise@portlandoregon.gov**
- Telephone 503-823-7350

The Noise Review Board holds monthly hearings and will review the project information and all comments sometime after October. If you would like to know when the hearing has been scheduled, please let us know.

## Attend Open House to Learn More

There will be an informal drop in meeting for neighbors to learn more about the overall project, detailed plans by location, or the proposed night work. Please attend to ask questions, talk to project staff, or share your knowledge of the area.

### Community Open House

Learn more and talk to project staff about upcoming sewer work

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Drop in between 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Philip the Deacon Church

120 NE Knott Street

## For More Information

If you have other questions about the project, contact Debbie Caselton at 503-823-2831 or **Debbie.Caselton@portlandoregon.gov**. Noise-related comments will be forwarded to the Noise Office.

To receive regular email updates about this project, please send an email to Debbie with "Eliot" in the subject line. More information about the project is available online at **[www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/eliot](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/eliot)**.

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