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Lift Station No. 46 Regional Sewer Conveyance Improvement Project

Construction is underway for the Lift Station (LS) No. 46 Regional Conveyance Improvement Project in the City of Covington. When completed, the improvements will accommodate the ongoing growth in the Town Center, which includes one hospital, two Emergency Room Facilities and associated medical facilities, as well as multi-story commercial and multi-family residential units. This Project is part of the District's regional plan to serve the growing area in the southeast portion of its sewer service area well into the future.

The Project is being constructed under four separate contracts, which can each be considered a project in itself. All four contracts must be completed before any component can be made operational.

- ◆ One project (contract) is finished, which comprises a new gravity main along 156th Place SE to convey sewage flow from an area north of LS No. 46 to the Station. It also includes a new force main that will convey the pumped flow from the new Station north to an existing sewer trunk line.
- ◆ Construction for LS No. 46 itself has started; it is located at the corner of 156th Place SE and SE 272nd Street. This contract is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2016.
- ◆ Construction is underway on another contract; gravity sewer pipe has been installed in private easements located west of Covington Way SE and south of SR 18. This pipe is presently being extended into Covington Way SE southerly to SE Wax Road. From this intersection the pipe will be installed along SE Wax Road to the vicinity of Covington Elementary School. Construction of the gravity pipe in these streets necessitates road closures to traffic. A road closure of Covington Way is currently in effect. In May, Covington Way SE is scheduled to reopen and a road closure of SE Wax Road will then be implemented from May into August when construction is scheduled to be complete.
- ◆ Work on the fourth contract, a series of trenchless (pipe ramming) gravity pipe segments across (under) SR 18 and northerly to LS No. 46 began in February with site clearing and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

Upon Completion of these 4 complex projects and when they are put into service, the LS No. 46 Regional Sewer Conveyance Project will then be operational.

Soos Creek appreciates your patience during this extensive construction period.



Construction at Covington Way SE & 168th PL SE

Keep Water Meters Clear

Blossoming lawns and gardens can hinder utility meter reading. You can help by trimming the grass, weeds, brush and branches around your meter box. The District's meter reader can then quickly collect a reading on the first visit. This results in an accurate charge on your bill and helps keep utility costs down, which benefits all customers in stabilizing rates.

UTILITY RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM

During 2014, 66 low-income permanently disabled and 255 low income senior citizens took advantage of the 30% base rate discount offered through this program. The total annual cost of the program was \$25,093.94. Based on equivalent residential units, this translates into an annual cost of 40 cents for all water customers and 44 cents for all sewer customers.

The discount does not apply to the King County Sewage Treatment charge, actual water consumption, street lighting, surcharges, and miscellaneous fees or late charges. If you would like an application for the District's Utility Rate Reduction Program, contact us at (253) 630-9900.