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ULID 25 Tolmie Sewer & Water Improvements **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

The City will be installing a new wastewater system to provide sewer service to homes that are currently being served by the community septic systems. The properties will have their septic systems decommissioned per Thurston County Environmental Health standards.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How long is this project expected to last?

The work is expected to take approximately 5 months to complete.

2. How long will the road in front of my house be disturbed?

The road in front of your house should be paved after all of the sewer construction is completed.

However, paving is weather dependent and will sometimes be put on hold until weather improves.

Most of the roads in the area are low-speed residential roads and they may have a graded rock surface for a period of time. As the construction progresses past your house, there may be a small bump as you drive into your driveway.

3. Will I be able to get in and out of my driveway?

Yes, however, there may be a short period of time that access is limited while the work is being done directly in front of your house. If you see construction crews digging down the street to your house and you have concerns about driveway access during a certain time, you can make arrangements with the contractor or the City inspector. They may ask you to park in front of a neighbor's house for the day. In most cases, the contractor will be past your home in less than 8 hours.

4. What hours will the contractor be working?

Typical working hours are from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, but Contractors are allowed to work as late as 9:00 pm.

5. Will the roads be blocked during construction?

In most cases they can let you drive through on a road or an area that they are digging with only a very minor delay. However, there will be times when they are digging or loading dump trucks that they will need to close the road to traffic for up to 15 minutes at a time. If possible, please use alternate routes around construction zones.

6. Will anyone be digging in my yard?

Most of the work will be done in the roadway, but there will be crews digging in your yard to install a new sewer lateral and make sewer service connections and after the connection is made the existing septic tank will be abandoned per TC Environmental Health Standards and in place.

7. Will the Contractor repair any of the disturbed landscaping in my yard?

When connecting the sewer services lines, care will be taken to minimize any disruption to your existing landscaping. In some cases, we will have to remove trees, shrubs or other vegetation to provide a clear path to the connection point. We will be coordinating with homeowners if removal of any trees or major landscaping items is needed. The Contractor will restore your yard to a preconstruction condition or better and the homeowner will have a buyoff to make sure they are satisfied with the restoration work.

8. Will any other utilities be turned off?

We do not anticipate turning off any other utilities, but other utilities are buried in the ground, and a private utility (phone, power, internet, cable) may be cut or disturbed. If this happens, please report it to the utility and to the inspector.

The Contractor will be installing a new water main for the City. The neighborhood is on PUD water. Your water meters and supply will not be modified nor altered. The new water main will have fire hydrants on it and will help with fire protection of the neighborhood and can help decrease your home insurance (you will need to call your insurance and notify them of the new hydrant). The contractor will be flushing water out of the new main once the water main construction has been completed in order for us to test and accept the new water main. Please expect a large amount of water discharged into the ditches along the road.

9. Who is the contractor and how were they selected?

The Contractor is Rodarte Construction, Inc. based in Auburn, WA. They were selected using the competitive bid process required by Washington State and they were the lowest price bid.

10. Will there be any hazards that I should be aware of?

There will be large machines designed for digging in the ground and hauling heavy loads. You may notice most of the workers will be wearing hard hats and safety vests within the work area. Please do not enter the work area. If you need to drive or walk near the construction area, please wait for the traffic control workers to direct you through the area.

Additional updates on this project will be posted on the City website and sent out in emails. To sign up for email notifications/updates on this project, please visit the City of Lacey website <https://cityoflacey.org/projects/tolmie-park-estates-sewer-ulid-25/>. At the bottom of the page, you can sign up to receive emails on the project.

If you have an urgent construction concern or issue please call the City of Lacey inspector, Keven Inman, at 360-239-0333, or the Design Engineer, Justin Knox, at 360-438-2628.

Please email any additional questions or concerns to Justin.Knox@cityoflacey.org