

# CITY of MERCER ISLAND SEWER LAKE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PROJECT UPDATE

March 2009



Plans continue to move ahead for the City of Mercer Island's Sewer Lake Line Replacement Project, the largest capital project in the City's history.

## Construction Contracts Awarded

Mercer Island City Council members awarded construction contracts for the project at their December 1, 2008 meeting.

The contract for lake line improvements went to Manson Construction Company, headquartered in Seattle. Manson Construction is a long-established, family-owned marine contractor; they have been in business in Seattle for more than 100 years.

Manson and their subcontractor, Frank Coluccio Construction Company, also of Seattle, will replace approximately 7,000 linear feet of sewer line located in Lake Washington along the northwest shoreline of the Island (known as Reach 3, extending from SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street/Proctor Landing to Roanoke Way).

Council also awarded the contract to build a new pump station to Stellar J Corporation of Woodland, Washington. Stellar J Corporation is a civil contracting company specializing in a variety of public works and civil projects, including water and wastewater treatment plants and pump stations.

This new pump station, to be built under the I-90 Bridge, will replace the pump station currently located at Faben Point. They will also decommission the pump station at Proctor Landing, which will no longer be needed. In addition, Stellar J Corporation will perform shoreline restoration and upland property restoration at the site under I-90.

## Open House: Join Us to Learn More and Meet the Contractors

Because this project may affect you and your property, we invite you to an Open House on **Tuesday, March 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Mercer Island City Hall**, 9611 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street. This will be your opportunity to talk with City representatives who can review the schedule and answer your questions.

During this informal meeting, you will also be able to meet representatives from Manson Construction Company, Frank Coluccio Construction Company and Stellar J Corporation, to learn more about the equipment and construction techniques they will be using. We look forward to seeing you on March 31.

## Construction Schedule

Stellar J Corporation began the pump station construction under I-90 in late February. Please note that this park site will be closed to public use for the duration of the project, which is anticipated to extend through summer 2010.

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Our marine contractors, Manson Construction and Frank Coluccio Construction, are scheduled to start July 2, the first day they are permitted to work in Lake Washington. In order to avoid disrupting the spawning cycles of lake spawning and migrating salmon, in-water construction can occur only during approved work windows, which are from early July through mid-October in most areas.

Manson Construction is using SE 32<sup>nd</sup>/Proctor Landing for construction staging. Therefore, this park site will be closed to public use for the duration of the project, which is anticipated to run through December 2010.

### **Bid Process**

As you may recall, the original project plan also called for replacement of the pipeline along the north end of the Island (Reach 4 – Lincoln Landing to the 8000 block of SE 20<sup>th</sup>). However, the high bids received in 2007 caused the City to reassess the project. We have delayed replacement of this section of pipe because it does not have the same capacity issues as Reach 3, and does not have a history of line breaks.

The repackaged project was advertised for bids on October 14, 2008 and bids were opened on November 13, 2008. Twenty-eight contractors representing 21 firms attended the pre-bid conference, with 13 firms submitting bids.

The combined total of the two construction bids is \$19,125,843. This is almost \$1.7 million (8%) below the engineers' estimate for construction.

### **Funding Update**

The City of Mercer Island currently has close to \$15 million in funding available for the Sewer Lake Line replacement, which is more than 50% of the estimated total design and construction cost of \$26,680,000.

The City has already secured funding through various sources, including a \$7 million Public Works Trust Fund loan, \$477,000 in federal grant funds and \$7.1 million in cash reserves. The City will continue to pursue additional financing through these and other sources to fund the remaining balance.

### **Need More Information?**

Contact Anne Tonella-Howe, City of Mercer Island Project Manager, at (206) 275-7813 or [anne.tonella-howe@mercergov.org](mailto:anne.tonella-howe@mercergov.org) for more information on this project. Or, visit the City's web site at [www.mercergov.org/lakeline](http://www.mercergov.org/lakeline) for project updates.