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2021 Arterial and Residential Street Construction

Dear Island Resident:

The City of Mercer Island is planning roadway improvements in your neighborhood for construction this summer. You are receiving this letter because your property has frontage on these roadways, access to your home is from one of these roadways, or the construction activities may affect access to your home.

Roadway improvement locations for 2021 include (see map on reverse):

- Asphalt resurfacing of SE 62nd and SE 64th Streets, 82nd Avenue, and 83rd Place, in the plat of Mercer Vista
- Asphalt resurfacing of **East Mercer Way**, from SE 53rd Place to the 6600 block
- Construction of a soldier pile retaining wall in the 5600 block of East Mercer Way
- Minor improvements to the storm drainage and water systems on the above roadways.

Work scope for the residential street resurfacing includes removing large, full width areas of pavement, regrading areas of gravel base, and repaving the roads with hot mix asphalt. For East Mercer Way, the scope of work includes pavement repairs, preleveling to correct settlement areas, and repaving of the roadway and adjacent southbound shoulder with a hot mix asphalt overlay. After repaving, shoulder areas along East Mercer Way will be dressed with crushed rock to meet new pavement edges, disturbed landscaped areas in the residential area will be restored with topsoil, seeding, and/or mulch, and utility castings (sewer manholes, water valves, catch basins) on the roadways will be adjusted to new pavement grade.

Residential resurfacing work is planned to occur from late June to late July, and East Mercer Way's road work is scheduled to occur primarily in July and August. The contractor will post temporary "No Parking" signage several days in advance of their work. During construction, please expect some minor delays and limited access to driveways at times. Flaggers may direct you around the block to avoid some construction activities. On paving days, one side of the roadway will be paved at a time. Vehicles will need to be clear of the street and shoulders when the contractor is working. Hours of work will typically be between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. No work on weekends is anticipated.

Retaining wall work at the 5600 block of East Mercer is scheduled to begin the week of June 1st, with the contractor moving in equipment and preparing the site for the wall. Drilling and installation of steel pilings should begin on June 7th, and is expected to take five days. During those five days, the 5600 block of East Mercer Way will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, but will re-open each evening. School buses, garbage and recycling, mail, and emergency vehicles will be allowed through. Closure of the roadway is necessary due to the large size of the drilling equipment. Once pilings are installed, the roadway will return to one open lane for traffic. The wall should be mostly complete by July 1st.

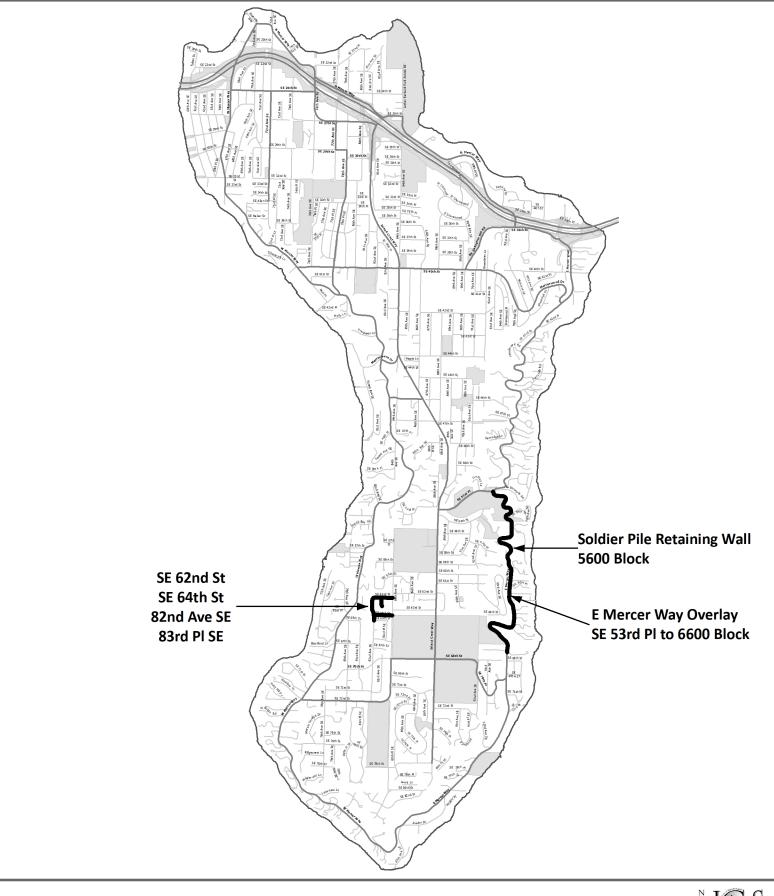
Prior to the above-mentioned paving work, another city contractor will be making repairs and minor improvements to the roadway storm drainage and water systems. This work will be occurring in June and July and will require small areas of lane closures with some minor travel delays. In addition, City Public Works crews will be trimming tree branches and vegetation that overhangs the pavement on these roadways during the month of June.

If you have any comments, concerns, or questions about roadway construction in your area, please contact me at 206-999-8041 or via e-mail at clint.morris@mercerisland.gov. Project updates can be viewed on the City's website at www.mercerisland.gov/projects. Thank you in advance for your patience during these upcoming improvements in your neighborhood.

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