

Spring Road Improvement Work Will Start May 18

As we continue to adjust to the evolving COVID-19 situation, EPA is taking the necessary steps to ensure that decisions about ongoing cleanup activities at Superfund sites are made with the health and safety of communities, EPA staff, state and tribal partners, and contractors as the priority.

What's happening?

This fact sheet describes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10's upcoming realignment of Creosote Place NE. This road connects Eagle Harbor Drive and the former wood treating facility at the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund Site on Bainbridge Island.

Why is this work needed?

Road improvements are needed to allow large construction equipment to safely travel back and forth to the site during cleanup activities at the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund Site. EPA's 2018 cleanup decision calls for these access road improvements.

What is the current schedule for the road improvement work?

On May 18, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' contractor, on behalf of EPA, will begin work to realign Creosote Place NE. EPA expects the road work will be completed by October 2020.

How will this work impact the community?

Creosote Place NE will be closed to traffic while it is being realigned. There will be minor traffic delays along Eagle Harbor Drive. We will limit impacts to drivers as much as we can. In accordance with City of Bainbridge Island noise regulations, construction activities will be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The section of Pritchard Park east of Creosote Place NE will also be inaccessible to the public, due to health and safety considerations. People will be able to access the western portion of Pritchard Park via the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. A trail from the memorial takes visitors to western Pritchard Park.

Who is responsible for the project?

EPA is responsible for the project. The road design was prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under an interagency agreement with EPA. The design was reviewed by the City of Bainbridge Island to ensure compliance with local design and construction standards.

What will Creosote Place NE look like when the project is completed?

The entrance to Creosote Place NE will be moved west of its current location and flared to a 40-foot width. This will provide enough space for trucks to turn as they enter and exit the site. The existing curves of the road will be widened and the slope, or grade, will be reduced. When finished, the road will include two 10-foot lanes and a 3-foot gravel shoulder.

Will the new design impact future traffic patterns?

Yes. The entrance to Creosote Place NE from Eagle Harbor Drive was designed at a 45-degree angle so large truck traffic and other heavy construction equipment can travel safely. This new alignment means that, after the project is complete, Creosote Place NE will have left-turn-only access from Eagle Harbor Drive. Drivers leaving Pritchard Park will have right-turn only access from Creosote Place NE onto Eagle Harbor Drive.

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