

Lisa Clausen

From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 11:27 AM
To: 'a.blayney'
Subject: RE: 1st Avenue South Phase 2 Improvement Projects

Dear Ms. Blayney:

Thank you for your e-mail to the Burien City Council, regarding planned improvements on 1st Avenue South, which was forwarded to me for response.

Construction of Phase I, which includes the area from S/SW 146th Street to S/SW 163rd Street, experienced some significant construction and contractual problems and delays. Final wreck-out of overhead lines, landscaping and electrical lighting remain to be completed. City staff has prepared plans, specifications and an estimate of cost for the completion of work on Phase I, and we intend to advertise and award a contract in September 2010.

The Phase 2 project, including the length of 1st Avenue South between S/SW 146th Street and S/SW 140th Street, is in the final design stage, as was presented in the open house you recently attended. Funds for this project, which are primarily federal and state grant sources, are committed to the project. By delaying the construction of Phase 2 until Phase 1 is complete would jeopardize the grant funding, and in these tough economic times replacing the \$8 Million would be very difficult. Proceeding forward with the project is our only option. The remaining work on Phase 1 and Phase 2 will be done under very tight Construction Management procedures, and will not experience the issues that delayed Phase 1. Also, staff is working very closely with property owners to attend to problems that might occur during construction.

With respect to the fee collection by Seattle City Light, the Seattle City Council determines the method of collecting/recouping the undergrounding costs in projects of this type. Consequently, we are not able to provide a definitive answer to your question. Nevertheless, it seems likely that either the monthly fee will increase as each undergrounding portion of the total project is completed, or the fee collection will continue until the electrical undergrounding costs have been repaid. However, the best way to obtain a definitive answer to this question is to contact Stephen Byers from Seattle City Light @ (206)684-3637.

Again, thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Larry Blanchard
Public Works Director

From: a.blayney [mailto:a.blayney@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 06, 2010 8:36 PM
To: Public Council Inbox
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Members Of The Burien City Council,

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While the project may seem worthwhile, I believe that the Phase 2 section (and any others) will turn out to be the 'eye-sore' that Phase 1 has remained. Phase 1 is clearly not finished and is sadly a reflection of a city that is more than willing to spend money on new projects without seeing previous projects to completion.

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Phase 1 also imposed a fee beginning last July on my monthly Seattle City Light bill to pay for the street light undergrounding. From what I understand this fee may have to be paid for 25 years. The detail on my bill clearly states '1st Ave South 1 Underground'.

I would like to know if I can expect another fee, or an increase in the current kwh of \$0.0037 when Phase 2 (and up to Phase 5) has been deemed complete?

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Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be forwarded to the appropriate staff and included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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