



# CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

## UTILITY BOARD HYBRID MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM

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### BOARD MEMBERS:

Brian Thomas – Chair  
Steve Milton – Vice Chair  
Meredith Lehr, George Marshall,  
Craig Olson, and Geraldine Poor

### LOCATION & CONTACT

Mercer Island Community & Event Center & Zoom  
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## MEETING AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

### PUBLIC APPEARANCES

### REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 1. Utility Board Hybrid Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Utility Board Hybrid Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026.

#### 2. Water Supply Pipeline Project Update

**Recommended Action:** Receive Report

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### 2. Staff Liaison Report

### ADJOURNMENT



# UTILITY BOARD MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING January 13, 2026

Item 1.

## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:15 pm from a remote location. Deputy Director Alaine Sommargren conducted roll call.

Chair Brian Thomas, and Board Members George Marshall, Geraldine Poor, Craig Olsen and City Council Liaison Wendy Weiker participated remotely. Board Members Meredith Lehr and Todd White were absent.

## PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### Utility Board Special Hybrid Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2025

It was moved by Marshall; seconded by Olson to:

**Approve the Utility Board Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2025**

Motion Passed 4-0

### Recology Annual Report

Alanna DeRogatis, Sustainability Manager introduced Recology Representatives Alissa Campbell, Anthony Brocato and Kevin Bumgarner, who presented the Recology annual report.

The Board discussed the presentation and asked questions.

### 2026 Work Plan

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner presented the 2026 Work Plan and provided an overview of discussion topics.

The Board discussed the work plan and asked questions.

It was moved and seconded to:

**Request King County provide an update on the North Mercer Island/Enatai sewer upgrade project.**

Motion Passed 4-0

## OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Director Alaine Sommargren provided an update on the rollout of the AMI customer portal.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.



## UTILITY BOARD STAFF REPORT

Item (2)  
February 10, 2026  
Regular Business

### AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

|                            |                                      |                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>TITLE:</b>              | Water Supply Pipeline Project Update | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only                                                                                                     |
| <b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> | Receive report.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Motion<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance<br><input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>STAFF:</b>           | Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations<br>Clint Morris, Capital Division Manager |
| <b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b> | n/a                                                                          |
| <b>EXHIBITS:</b>        | 1. Project Location Map                                                      |

### SUMMARY

At Tuesday's meeting, Public Works staff will update the Utility Board regarding the Water Supply Pipeline project, which is currently in the final stages of design.

Since 2024, Public Works staff, in coordination with engineering consultants, have been planning and designing the City's Water Supply Pipeline project. This critical infrastructure project will replace a large portion of the aging Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Transmission Line on Mercer Island with a new City-owned pipeline in a new alignment (Exhibit 1). The project includes installation of over 5,000 feet of earthquake resistant 24-inch pipeline, replacement of approximately 1,500 feet of asbestos cement (AC) water main, and repair and resurfacing of roadways affected by this underground utility work.

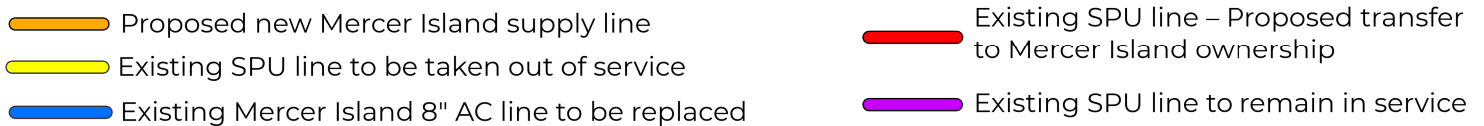
The City Council has received two updates on the Water Supply Pipeline project (90.40.0032). In October 2025, staff provided City Council with an update on the project's background, development, and early design work, including the 2024 Seattle Public Utilities supply pipeline leak that temporarily constrained the Island's water supply and the City's response to advance a more resilient, earthquake-resistant water supply pipeline in a new alignment (see [AB 6795](#)). In January 2026, staff provided a subsequent update and requested approval of the second design contract to advance the project from 60% design to final plans, specifications, and cost estimates. RH2 Engineering is serving as the design consultant, and Scarsella Brothers, Inc. is the General Contractor/Construction Manager for the project (see [AB 6837](#)).

Staff will return to the Utility Board in March with another project update including information on construction schedule and sequencing, cost, and responses to any questions raised at the Utility Board's February meeting.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report. No action necessary.







# Water Supply Pipeline Project Update

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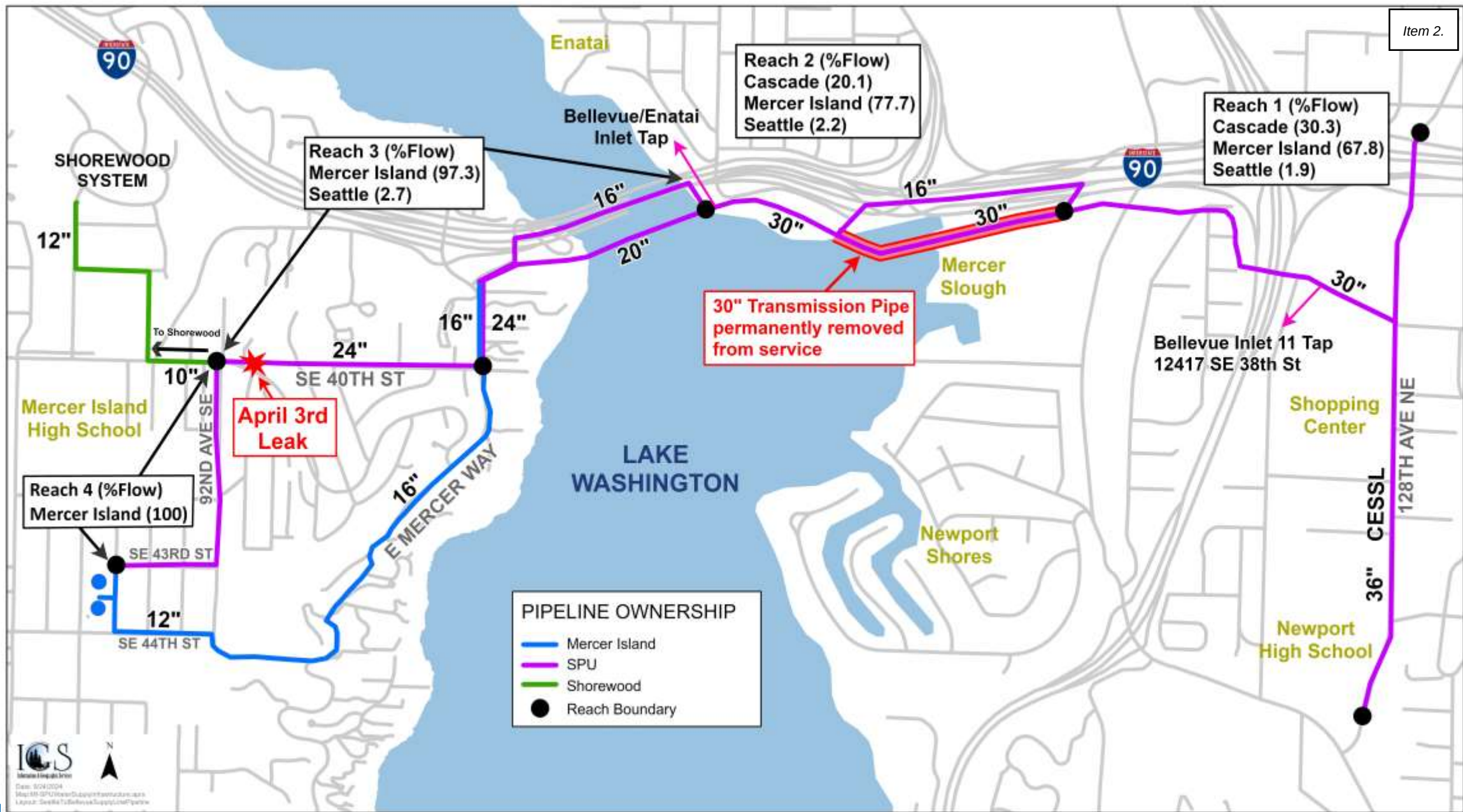


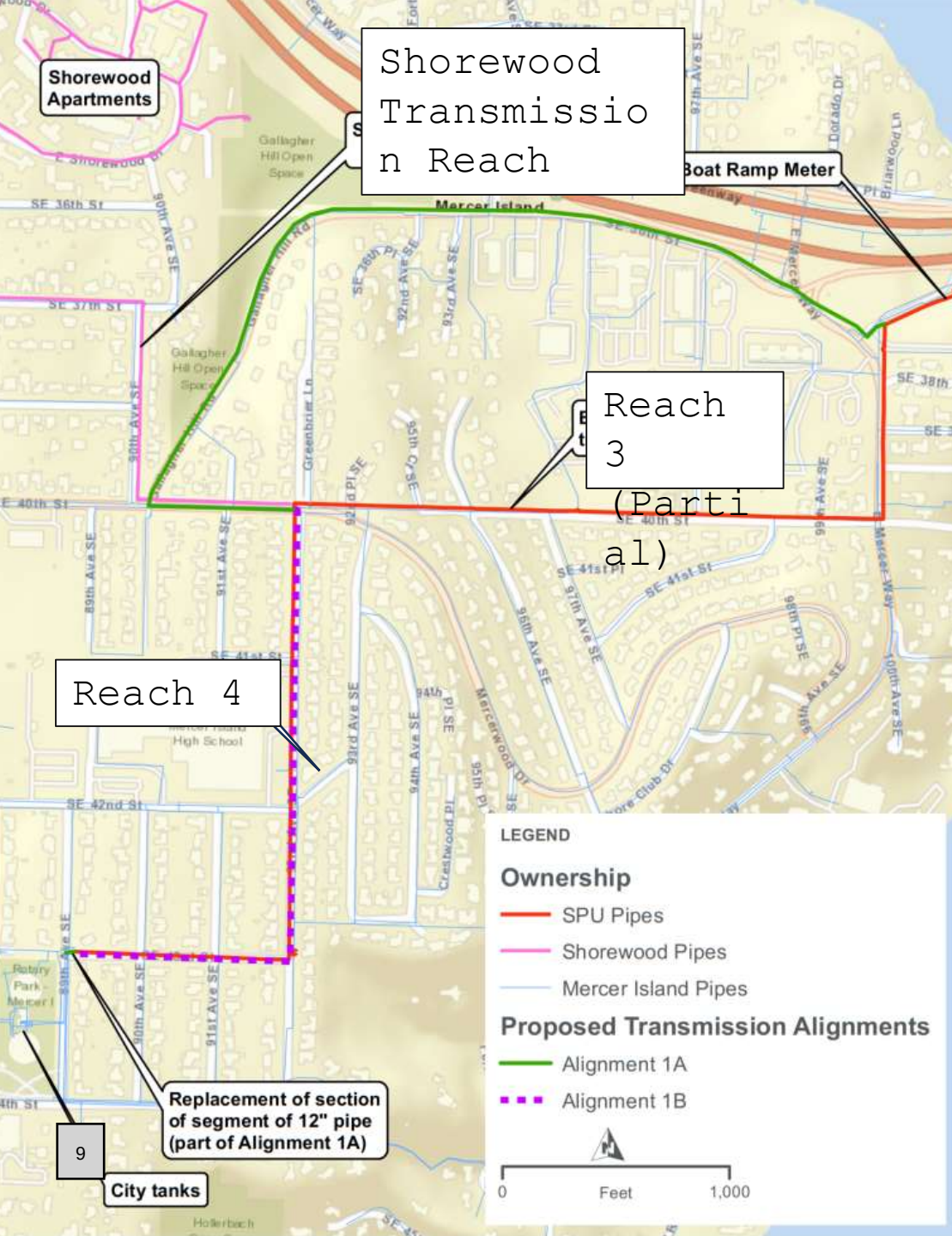
# Agenda

- Overview of current SPU supply
- Goals of Pipeline Project
- Project Elements
- Design Considerations
- Timeline
- Estimated Project Cost
- Next Steps
- Questions



*12" pipe installation*





## Goals of New Supply Line

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- Align ownership & control with responsibility
- Make generational investment in system resilience
- Improve resiliency & reliability; reduce risk of vulnerable areas by relocation
- Upgrade Gallagher Hill Road with AC main replacement and roadway and sidewalk improvements
- Abandonment of Reach 3 segment
- Transfer ownership of Reach 4 to City
- Improve Shorewood Apartments water delivery by retiring old AC pipeline

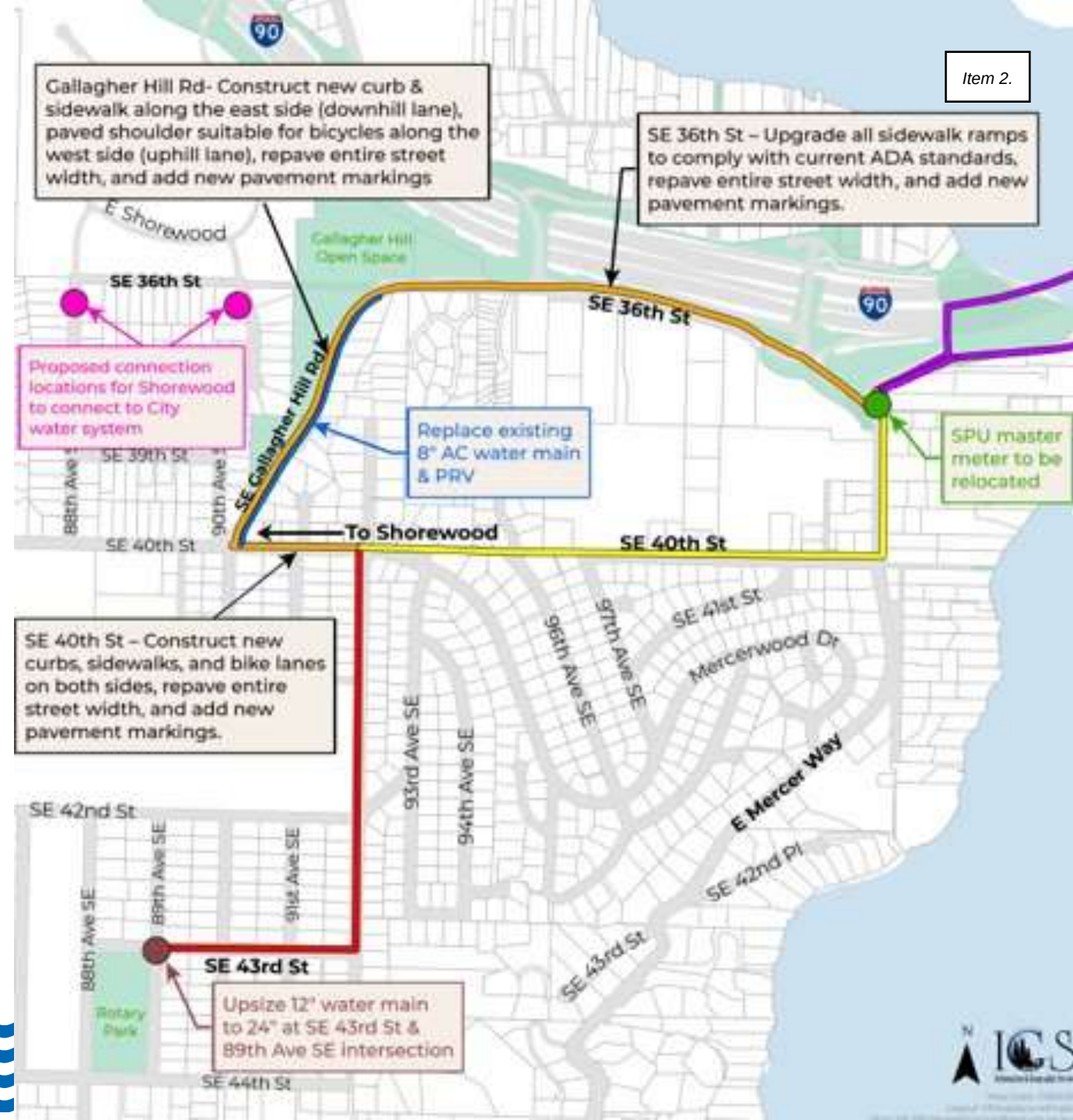
# Project Elements (Water)

- Install 5,000 feet of new supply pipeline; 24" ductile iron restrained joint pipe
- Replace over 1,500 feet of AC main on Gallagher Hill Road
- Replace a Pressure Reducing Valve at bottom of Gallagher Hill Road
- Connect Shorewood Apartments into City's water system
- Relocate SPU metering to Boat Launch road
- Upsize a section of pipe behind Reservoir on 89<sup>th</sup> Ave



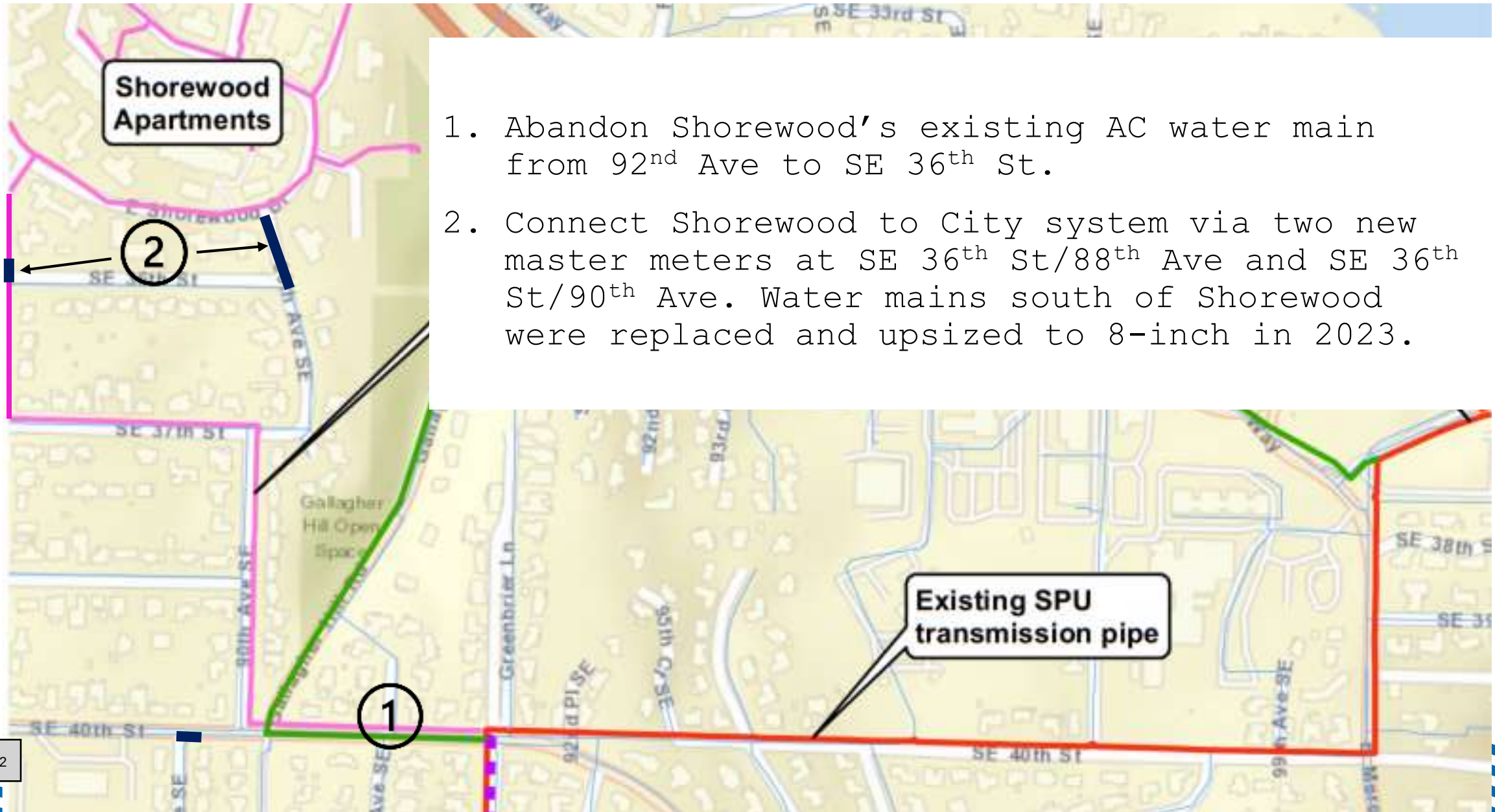
# Project Elements (Roadway)

- Improve approx. 1 mile of arterials:
  - Gallagher Hill Road
  - SE 40<sup>th</sup> St (90<sup>th</sup> to 93<sup>rd</sup> Aves)
  - SE 36<sup>th</sup> St (GHR to EMW)
- Curbs, sidewalks, bike lanes, street lighting, asphalt overlays
- These projects are in the current TIP and schedules were changed to fit with Supply Pipeline timing



# Service to Shorewood Apartments

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# Project Status Entering 90% Design Stage

- Finalizing pipe alignments
- Finalizing roadway improvements layout
- Connections to Shorewood Apartments
- Timing/activation of new supply and transition from SPU
- Construction sequencing, phasing, and duration
- Traffic Impacts during construction
- Permitting with City and WSDOT
- Beginning public outreach
- Utility Board and City Council meetings



# Estimated Project Timeline

| Dates                 | Project Task                        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Oct 2025 - April 2026 | Complete design work                |
| May 2026 - April 2027 | Construct water improvements        |
| March 2027 - Dec 2027 | Construct roadway improvements      |
| Dec 2027              | Construction substantially complete |



# Project Cost Estimate

- At 60% stage in design, construction cost for water elements is \$12.5 to \$13.5M
- Several design issues being resolved to reach the 90% and 100% stages
- Cost refinement as roadway improvement elements are more developed
- \$6M budgeted in 2025-2026 Capital Budget
- \$18M is available from Water Fund Bonds issued in 2025 (\$13M scheduled for 2027)
- \$1.2M in funding approved by WA State Legislature (Dept of Commerce grant)

# Next Steps

- Complete design work
- Negotiate max. construction cost through GC/CM method
- Advertise for 10" main replacement
- Finalize construction sequencing
- Continue negotiations with SPU, Shorewood, and WSDOT on pipeline ownership, metering, and connections
- Return to Utility Board in March
- City Council update in April
- Begin construction in May 2026



30" pipe

# Questions



# Next Steps



Continue design development and refinement with consultant and contractor using GC/CM delivery.



Finalize construction sequencing and develop final cost estimate. Return to Council with update in Q1 2026.



Continue negotiations with SPU, Shorewood, and WSDOT on pipeline ownership, metering, and connections.