

City of La Center

Breeze Creek Culvert – 4th Street Widening Project Virtual Open House




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	<p>Text on screen: [City of La Center logo] Brezee Creek Culvert – 4th Street Widening Project Virtual Open House October 2020 [PBS logo]</p>	<p>[Upbeat music]</p> <p>NARRATOR: Hello and welcome to the City of La Center’s Virtual Open House on the Brezee Creek Culvert Replacement and 4th Street Widening Project.</p>
	<p>Drone footage of project site, overlaid with a dark blue background. Animated callout appears with photo of Greg Jellison, a civil engineer and project manager from PBS.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: I’m Greg Jellison, a civil engineer and project manager with PBS Engineering and Environmental.</p>
	<p>Drone footage continues, a white side panel appears. The PBS logo, Archaeological Investigations Northwest and Universal Field Services, logos are shown.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: Our team, along with consultants from Archaeological Investigations Northwest and Universal Field Services, have been working with the City on the initial design phase of this project.</p>




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	<p>Aerial view of project limits with a green outline. Two animated callouts appear titled "East Cedar Avenue" and "NE Highland Road."</p>	<p>NARRATOR: This project is located along the 4th Street Corridor, between Cedar and Northeast Highland Road.</p>
	<p>Aerial view of project limits is blurred in background. Logo of Washington State Department of Commerce appears.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: Our design work is funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The City is currently seeking funds for construction.</p>
	<p>Split screen video of culvert on left and aerial drone video of 4th Street on right. Blue overlays with animated callouts. Left callout "fish passage + enhance habitat replace the culvert" Right callout "reduce traffic + improve safety street widening"</p>	<p>NARRATOR: This project has two main goals: One, to provide fish passage and enhance the habitat within Brezee Creek by replacing the existing, undersized culvert; and two, to reduce traffic delays and improve safety on East 4th Street for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.</p>


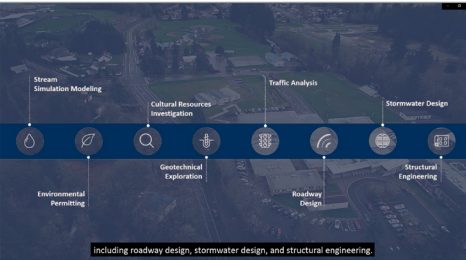
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	<p>Two images of the project site and culverts.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: A culvert is a pipe or smaller structure that carries water under a roadway. When it's too small or too high, like the one there now, fish can't swim through it. This not only impacts fish access to spawning habitat, but it also affects the stream ecosystem as a whole.</p>
	<p>Aerial drone video shown in background with blue overlay. Timeline appears with several icons. Waterdrop, leaf, magnifying glass, drill, traffic light, road, manhole cover, plans, school, police officer hat, fire fighter helmet, bus, people, vehicle, health cross, clipboard, and trees.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: With our two goals in mind, we set out to get to the know the area. From April through September of 2020, we performed several research and planning tasks, including stream simulation modeling, environmental permitting, cultural resources investigation, geotechnical exploration, and traffic analysis.</p> <p>We also began several design tasks that will continue through the final project phase, including roadway design, stormwater design, and structural engineering. From May through July, we also reached out to several people and groups who could be impacted by the project, including the school district, the police and fire departments, KWRL transportation cooperative, and private citizens in the project area. Through virtual interviews, we gathered feedback on many topics, such as traffic circulation, safety priorities, access needs, and property use. These insights were extremely helpful, and we thank everyone who took part.</p>



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	<p>City Slides appear. First, is a slide with the La Center logo, Brezee Creek/4th Street title, and PBS logo. Background image is an aerial photo of 4th Street and the school.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: Using the stakeholder feedback and the data collected, we then looked at the various solutions for achieving our two project goals.</p> <p>At the August 12th City Council meeting, we presented our recommendations along with a summary of work completed to date. City staff concurred with these recommendations, and we are pleased to be moving forward with the following plans.</p>
	<p>Project limits graphic with icons appearing in sequence.</p> <p>Icons left to right: figure walking, bicycle, left-turn sign, figure in wheelchair on ramp, traffic signal.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: East 4th Street, from Cedar Avenue to Highland Road, will undergo widening. This will increase safety, provide for dedicated bike and pedestrian connections, and improve traffic flow. Bike lanes and sidewalks will be constructed on both the north and south sides of the roadway. A left turn pocket will be added to the west entrance of the K-8 school campus. Curb ramps at the Highland/Ivy intersection will be updated to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a traffic signal will be installed at the existing Highland intersection.</p> <p>Together, these improvements between downtown La Center and the Highland intersection will provide safer and more effective transportation connectivity for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists, often referred to as "Complete Streets."</p>



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	<p>Aerial photo of creek, followed by two photos of the Brezee Creek culvert, then the Mill Pond Dam culvert.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: In Brezee Creek, we will remove the two existing fish passage barriers. These removals will open up the full 2.4 miles of the creek to fish. The first is the Brezee Creek culvert, which crosses under the 4th Street, and the second is the Mill Pond Dam culvert, which exists a few hundred feet upstream of 4th Street.</p>
	<p>Animated model of entire project site.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: The Brezee Creek culvert will be replaced with a new bridge. The open area underneath will allow the stream to meander over time, which is a natural stream process benefitting the fish and the ecosystem.</p> <p>Here is a simulation of what the area will look like when the project is complete. [Upbeat music grows louder for duration of animation]</p>

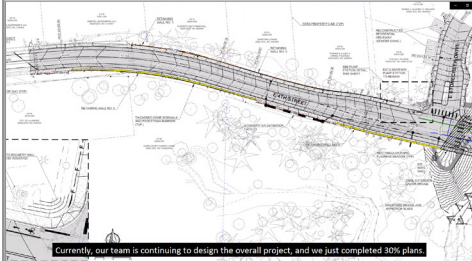
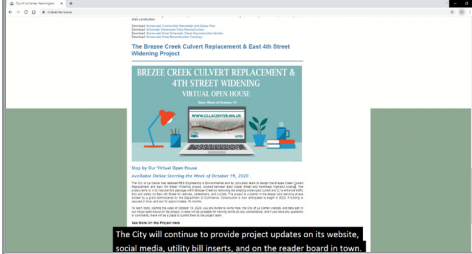

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	<p>Pan right of project plans</p>	<p>NARRATOR: Now that you've seen the end result, let's talk about how we'll get there: Currently, our team is continuing to design the overall project, and we just completed 30% plans.</p> <p>From now through spring of 2021, the plans will progress through more detailed levels of completion, with each step giving us an opportunity for review and revision. When these plans are final and funding has been secured, construction may proceed. The City is now looking at 2022 as a construction start date. When construction does begin, the project will take about 18 months to complete.</p> <p>The City has been clear throughout the design process that access for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians during construction is critical to the project's success. Therefore, we are developing plans with that priority in mind.</p> <p>If there is a need for any short-term closures or lane restrictions during construction, those will be communicated broadly, well in advance of the planned work.</p>

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	<p>Video of the City of La Center website with Brezee Creek Culvert – 4th Street Widening Project updates, followed by a facebook post with the project updates. An animated callout with Tony Cooper’s contact information appears.</p> <p>Tony Cooper, PE City Engineer acooper@ci.lacenter.wa.us 360.263.2889</p>	<p>NARRATOR: The City will continue to provide project updates on its website, social media, utility bill inserts, and on the reader board in town.</p> <p>If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Tony Cooper, Assistant Public Works manager and City Engineer .</p> <p>You can also submit questions or comments on the webpage where you found this video today.</p>
	<p>Aerial drone footage with large City of La Center logo centered. Fade to black.</p>	<p>NARRATOR: Thank you for stopping by the City of La Center’s Virtual Open House to learn about the Brezee Creek Culvert Replacement and 4th Street Widening Project. [narrator fades out, upbeat music increases in volume and fades out]</p> <p>[end of video]</p>