

## Briefing Notes: Wilburton (Bellevue) Neighborhood Meeting

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**Meeting host:** Wilburton Community Association

**Location:** Bellevue Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

**Date:** June 27, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Purpose and overview:** The Wilburton Community Association invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a presentation on the Energize Eastside project and answer community questions at their June 27 meeting. PSE's East Bellevue Community Council bypass routes run through the center of the neighborhood. This neighborhood has been informed about the Energize Eastside since project launch back in 2013 and had representation on PSE's Community Advisory Group in 2014.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Informed residents about the project, PSE's preferred route, and the East Bellevue Community Council bypass routes
- Informed the neighborhood about how they can get involved in the EIS process, including the reopened Phase 2 scoping public comment period
- Answered questions and learned about community concerns

**Format:** Jens Nedrud, Project Manager, and Keri Pravitz, Community Projects Manager, gave a presentation on Energize Eastside. Topics included an overview of the project, why the project is needed, how the need has been verified, how PSE got to their preferred route, photo simulations, East Bellevue Community Council bypass routes, and the EIS process. Following the presentation, Jens and Keri answered questions from community members.

### Themes heard

*Note: This section reflects a synthesis of individual questions, comments and themes that came up at the meeting. The synthesis provided is not intended for use as a verbatim transcription.*

Attendees asked questions or made comments about the following topics related to Energize Eastside:

- Current and proposed pole heights, designs and locations within the existing utility corridor
- Concern with being surrounded by two transmission lines (i.e., Energize Eastside and Seattle City Light corridor)
- Undergrounding transmission lines
- Use of the Seattle City Light corridor
- Questions about the East Bellevue Community Council and PSE's conversations with the council
- Effects of the East Bellevue Community Council bypass routes on the Eastside Rail Corridor trail, along with the Botanical Gardens, including view corridors
- Safety and reliability concerns related to crossing the Seattle City Light corridor
- Substation siting
- Health concerns related to electric and magnetic fields (EMF)
- Timing of permit submittal and project delays

PSE appreciates community input and expression of interests and concerns. PSE will continue to listen and learn as the project and the EIS process continue.