



SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program



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Preparing for future wetland restoration and enhancement

April 2013

Beginning as soon as the week of April 15, WSDOT will perform geotechnical investigations in the Union Bay Natural Area (UBNA).

Crews will be taking soil samples and installing monitoring well equipment in and around the parking area to study soil and groundwater conditions. The information gathered helps us better understand the composition and characteristics of the ground in this area to prepare for future wetland mitigation work.

What can you expect?

- Monitoring well installation will begin as soon as April 15, 2013, and last up to one week. The wells will be in place through summer 2014.
- Work will occur on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- The primary impact will be temporarily reduced parking (up to four spaces per well) during drilling and monitoring well installation.

Why is this work happening now?

To comply with a variety of local, state and federal regulations that require mitigation for the anticipated environmental effects of the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program, WSDOT plans to restore and enhance wetlands in the Union Bay Natural Area.

This partnership between University of Washington (UW) and WSDOT will allow the UW to implement their Union Bay Natural Area Management Plan and WSDOT to meet part of our compensatory wetland mitigation requirements.

For more information, visit the SR 520 Program website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge.

How has WSDOT prepared for the work?

WSDOT has coordinated with the city of Seattle and the University of Washington to obtain all necessary approvals prior to conducting the work.



Approximate area of geotechnical work in the Union Bay Natural Area, a parking lot southwest of the Center for Urban Horticulture.

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