

South King County Projects Update

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Do not cross the double-white line along the soon-to-be HOT lanes

On April 12 crews will begin adding a second solid white lane stripe along SR 167 to [separate the HOT lane](#) from the rest of the lanes. Once the new striping is in place drivers must observe the law that it is illegal to cross a double white line along nine miles of SR 167 between Auburn and Kent. Although the HOT lanes will not officially open to solo drivers until April 26, current HOV lanes users must use the [new access zones](#) or risk a ticket for [crossing a double-white line](#).

Solo drivers on SR 167 must get *Good To Go!* to drive in the HOT lane

To get ready for the official opening of Washington's first ever HOT lanes, [Good To Go!](#) is setting up shop along SR 167. Stop by and learn more about HOT lanes or sign up for a *Good To Go!* account and receive a transponder. The transponder sticks to your windshield and will allow you to [pay electronically](#) to use the HOT lane as a solo driver. Transponder shields that are necessary to deactivate the transponder when driving HOT lanes with a passenger are also available at the *Good To Go!* office.

The mobile *Good To Go!* office is scheduled to appear:

- Noon-5 p.m., Thursday, April 17, at the entrance of the Regional Justice Center in Kent, 401 Fourth Ave. N.

The mobile office will be making more stops in coming weeks. Check the [HOT lanes Web site](#) for dates and times. To reach customer *Good To Go!* service by phone, call 866-936-8246.

Heavy lifting in Renton will close southbound I-405 lanes overnight

Crews will use two large cranes to lift several reinforced concrete girders into place that will support the deck of a new and wider bridge on I-405 over Oakesdale Ave. SW and Springbrook Creek. For safety reasons, during the night and early morning hours of April 22 - 24, crews will need to close Oakesdale Ave. SW and two southbound I-405 lanes

during this work. The new bridge is part of the [I-405 Renton Widening Project](#) that will add an extra lane in both directions of I-405 between I-5 and SR 167 and an extra lane to southbound SR 167 between I-405 and South 180th Street.

Crews finish repair work on S. 178th Street finishes early

The [S. 178th overpass](#) between SeaTac and Tukwila will reopen to two lanes of traffic this afternoon. Crews will be dismantling the “smart signal” and finishing permanent striping this weekend. The overpass had been restricted since it was struck by a truck exceeding the height limit on I-5 in December of 2006. Thanks to neighbors and drivers for their patience while we completed this repair work.

Heading north? I-5 weekend work rescheduled in Bellingham

As you probably know, the best-laid plans can be foiled by Northwest weather. We planned our first weekend closure of I-5 for April 11-14, but with the forecast calling for the possibility of rain, we decided not to chance it.

We’ve rescheduled our first weekend closure for April 18-21, unless it rains again.

During our weekend work, we’ll be pouring new sections of pavement. And for the pavement to cure and set up properly, we need the weather to be temperate (above freezing) and dry – something that’s always a challenge during spring in the Northwest.

We’ll post [updates](#) on our project Web page. You can avoid traffic backups by checking our [traffic cameras](#) before you leave the house or avoiding I-5 in Whatcom County altogether.

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