

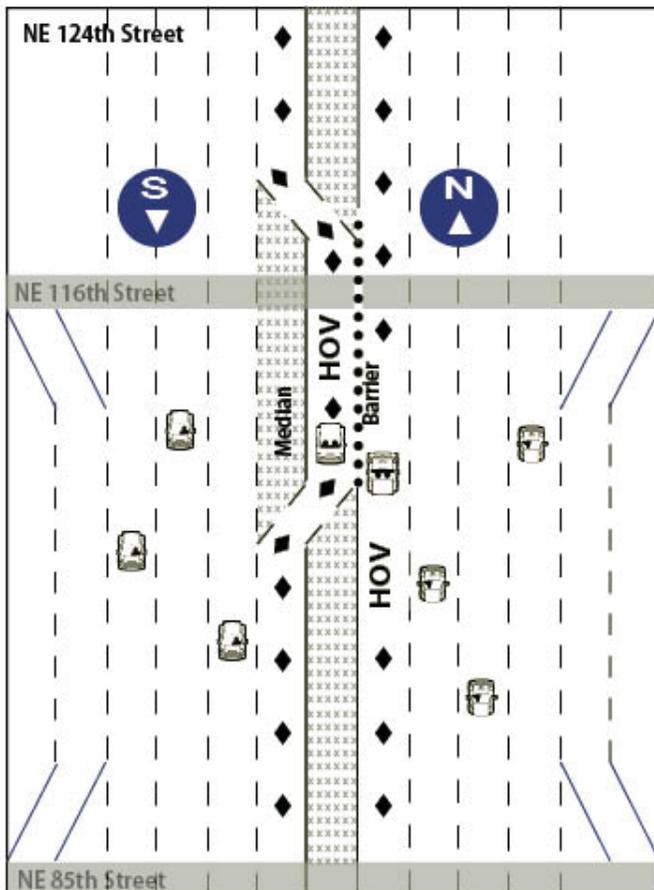


I-405 Kirkland Nickel Project – Stage 1 Construction

Southbound HOV Crossover

What is the southbound HOV crossover?

In November, the southbound HOV lane will be relocated to the northbound HOV lane. The southbound HOV lane will cross over the median between NE 124th Street and NE 116th Street and travel in the northbound HOV lane for about 1 mile;



The southbound HOV lane travels in a separated lane. Northbound traffic is shifted towards the outside shoulder. Lanes and shoulders remain narrowed.

Southbound HOV Status

Fall 2006

- The southbound HOV lane crossover is scheduled to occur on November 7.
- By mid-November, an additional northbound lane will open between NE 85th Street and NE 116th Street.
- Drivers will be alerted of the changes with signs along I-405.

northbound traffic will shift towards the outside shoulder. Due to a difficult merge, drivers in the southbound HOV lane are discouraged from exiting at NE 85th Street. Southbound drivers entering 405 at NE 124th Street will not be able to enter the HOV lane before it crosses over the median.

Why is the southbound HOV lane shifting to the northbound HOV lane?

Crews will be working on the median in both directions. They will also be reconstructing portions of the inside lane of the north and southbound NE 116th Street bridges.

What is WSDOT doing to alert drivers of the change?

WSDOT is educating mass transit agencies about the shift to alleviate any confusion. Signs will be posted along I-405 informing commuters of the traffic shift.

How long will the southbound HOV lane remain in the northbound HOV lane?

The southbound HOV lane will remain in the northbound HOV lane between November and May 2007.

Do you want more information about the I-405 southbound HOV crossover?

If you would like more information about I-405 widening, any other part of the I-405 Kirkland Stage 1 construction project, or would like to schedule a presentation for your group or organization, please contact:

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