

## South King County Projects Update

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### Drivers get relief across the S. 178th Street overpass

Crews [temporarily restored two-way traffic](#) Monday on the S. 178th Street overpass between SeaTac and Tukwila to provide congestion relief for drivers. Since Dec. 13, 2006 when a vehicle exceeding the height limit on I-5 struck the overpass, traffic has been restricted to one lane of alternating traffic to prevent further damage to the overpass. We originally planned to complete repairs this summer but had difficulty scheduling the unexpected work during an already full construction season.

We knew the lengthy traffic revision was inconvenient for drivers and wanted to open more lanes to reduce backups. After careful review and inspections, we found that the overpass could handle two narrowed lanes of traffic until permanent repairs are completed.

Our goal is to maintain two-way traffic across the overpass during the holiday season when shoppers stream to Southcenter Mall, so we will schedule the repair work either before or after the holidays. Removing and replacing the damaged bridge girder will require two nighttime closures of southbound I-5. We will also have to reduce the overpass to one lane of traffic again for several months during the repairs.

### Lane closures begin next week on I-5 in Seattle

Crews are getting ready for [major I-5 road work](#) on I-5 just south of downtown Seattle. All but two or three lanes will be closed around the clock on northbound I-5 from Spokane Street to I-90 from August 10-29. Next week, crews will close up to three right lanes of northbound I-5 from Spokane Street to I-90 Monday through Thursday nights from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. to prep the bridge deck and install signs.

### Make a plan to get around the I-5 road work this August

We're encouraging everyone who commutes on I-5 south of Seattle to do their part to help ease the congestion. Here's one option. King County Metro is reducing the start-up requirements and cost for **new** vanpool groups. If you use the I-5 corridor to get into or through Seattle, you are eligible.

- Form a new King County Metro vanpool with as few as five participants.
- Commute for just \$45 per participant (FREE with most FlexPasses).
- Only one driver is needed and NO orientation class or bookkeeper is required.
- Gas, insurance and emergency roadside assistance is included.

- Use special truck and transit lane on Airport Way South during construction.

For more details, call 206-625-4500 or [vanpool.information@kingcounty.gov](mailto:vanpool.information@kingcounty.gov) .

Check out other [commute options](#) .

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