



South King County Projects Update

[“Have you joined the tolling conversation? Help shape tolling in the 520 corridor.”](#)

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Emergency closure on I-405 tonight to repair dip

Drivers heading south on I-405 Monday night might face unexpected congestion.

We're closing the carpool lane and far left lane of southbound I-405 near I-90 starting at 7 p.m. – the tail end of the commute – for emergency repair work.

An unsafe dip appeared in the carpool lane. Construction crews plan to make repairs swiftly and reopen the two lanes to traffic before the 5 a.m. Tuesday commute. That leaves just one lane on southbound I-405 for traffic during the work.

For driver safety, crews patched the dip earlier on Monday, but needed time overnight for a permanent repair.

For the latest information about the emergency work, please visit [WSDOT - I-405 - Construction Updates](#)

Driver caution: Sound Transit testing light rail trains

Sound Transit is testing its light rail trains in the Rainier Valley with plans to begin running them between Tukwila and downtown Seattle next year.

For drivers, it means learning how to drive safely around the new trains.

Sound Transit warns drivers to stay alert and always expect a train at any time – from either direction.

Each light rail vehicle is 95 feet long and weighs more than 50 tons.

Light rail trains do not have steering wheels and they can't stop quickly. Beginning July 2009, light rail trains will offer two-way rapid, reliable commuting options 20 hours each day.

Now is a perfect time to practice and develop good safety habits. Download a [safety brochure](#) (PDF) and read the [driver's guide](#) for more information on how to “Stay Safe & Sound” around Link light rail.

Open houses this week on SR 520 tolling

The [520 Tolling Implementation Committee](#) is seeking additional public input about how tolls can help pay for a new 520 bridge between Seattle and Bellevue.

The committee will hold three open houses this month to talk with local communities about possible tolling options across Lake Washington, including both SR 520 and I-90.

You're invited to attend and share your views. Public input received this summer led to additional tolling options that will be presented at these open houses (click links for directions):

- Wednesday, Nov. 12 at [Bellevue City Hall](#), 450 110th Ave. NE.
- Thursday, Nov. 13 at the [University of Washington's Gould Hall](#), 3949 15th Ave. NE.
- Monday, Nov. 17 at the [Stroum Jewish Community Center](#), 3801 E. Mercer Way on Mercer Island.

Each of the open houses is from 3-7 p.m. with a presentation at 5 p.m.

Public input will be included in a report to the Legislature in January 2009, setting the stage for decisions during the legislative session. If you can't make it in person you also can share your thoughts [online](#).