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## Project Overview

WSDOT and Sound Transit are adding new HOV lanes in each direction of I-90 between Seattle and Bellevue. We will also build new I-90 HOV on- and off-ramps on Mercer Island and improve HOV access at Bellevue Way.

Currently, the I-90 center roadway operates westbound in the morning and eastbound in the evening, meaning that buses, carpools and vanpools traveling in the opposite direction of the center roadway must use general-purpose lanes. This makes buses and other high occupancy vehicles traveling between Seattle and Bellevue run increasingly late during rush hours and reduces the benefits of using transit or sharing the ride.



## Timeline for adding new HOV lanes to I-90

Stage 1 – Westbound I-90 between Mercer Island and Bellevue (open to drivers October 2008)

- Add westbound I-90 HOV lane to the outer roadway from E Mercer Way to 80th Avenue SE
- Build westbound I-90 HOV direct access exit ramp at 80th Avenue SE
- Modify existing HOV ramps at Bellevue Way for westbound access to the outer roadway

Stage 2 – Eastbound I-90 between Mercer Island and Bellevue (design 2007-10/construction 2010-12)

- Add eastbound I-90 HOV lane to outer roadway from 80th Ave. SE to East Mercer Way
- Modify existing reversible HOV ramp at 80th Avenue SE to an eastbound HOV direct access on-ramp
- Add an eastbound I-90 lane between the East Mercer Way and I-405 interchanges to help drivers merge
- Modify existing HOV ramps at Bellevue Way for eastbound access to the outer roadway

Stage 3 – Eastbound and westbound I-90 between Mercer Island and Seattle (design 2008-11/construction 2011-14)

- Add new HOV lanes to the outer roadways from 80th Avenue SE to Rainier Avenue S
- Build eastbound HOV direct access exit ramp at 77th Avenue SE

**For more information visit:** [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I90/TwoWayTransit](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I90/TwoWayTransit)

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