



SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program



I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

Crews conduct geotechnical fieldwork along SR 520 corridor in Seattle

Geotechnical drilling planned in Seattle in early 2016

February 2016

Overview

As part of preparing for future phases of construction for the “Rest of the West” elements of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project, WSDOT is continuing to evaluate the geotechnical conditions within the project’s footprint. The project team is currently planning for geotechnical work occurring along SR 520 between I-5 and Union Bay.

Geotechnical work will consist of drilling approximately 10 borings in the project area. This work is planned to begin as soon as this month and may continue for up to two months.

Why is this work happening now?

This fieldwork supports WSDOT moving forward with the SR 520 corridor’s “Rest of the West” improvements between I-5 and Lake Washington. The data collected from these locations will support engineering work as WSDOT moves to construct the “Rest of the West” project elements in Seattle. The project will be constructed in phases and we are working to confirm the specific elements included in the next phase.

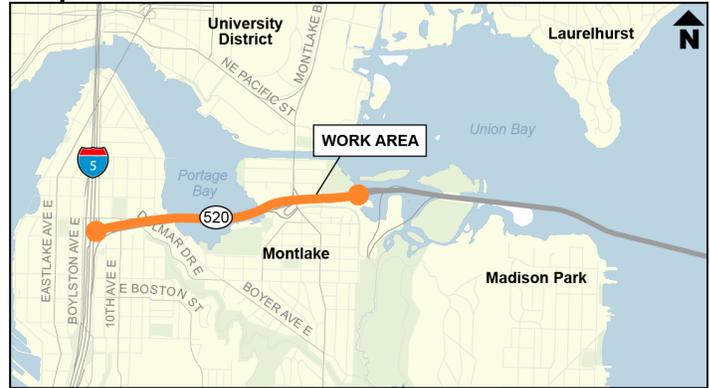
What work is taking place?

Crews will collect geotechnical samples to analyze the soil composition and properties within the project footprint. These samples will inform the project’s planned improvements.

Will there be any nighttime work?

Most of the work is expected to take place during the day. To complete work at night, WSDOT would use a temporary noise variance from the city of Seattle. A temporary noise variance allows work to vary from the limits of the city of Seattle noise ordinance under specific circumstances and typically requires notifications to residents within at least 300 feet of the work. Nighttime work typically takes place between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Map



● Approximate range of geotechnical investigation locations.

How has WSDOT prepared for the work?

WSDOT has coordinated with the city of Seattle and obtained all necessary approvals prior to conducting work at each location. WSDOT is observing best management practices to avoid and reduce potential effects of the work.

Are there any pedestrian or bicyclist impacts?

The geotechnical fieldwork may require temporarily closing some sidewalks for short durations. Please follow signed detour routes to ensure pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

What are typical work hours and what will I notice?

Crews will typically work during daytime hours, which can extend from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. The equipment used may include a drilling machine, and nearby residents may notice vibrations and low humming. Some borings may require limited brush clearing and tree trimming.

Are there any traffic impacts?

Crews expect to utilize existing closures for boring locations on SR 520, as well as occasional lane closures of city of Seattle streets and SR 520 ramps, as needed. Any major closures will be coordinated with WSDOT’s Northwest Region office and other projects under construction in the vicinity.

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