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WSDOT continues to pave the way for better highways and more jobs

The Washington State Department of Transportation today advertised two Washington Jobs Now I-90 preservation contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). WSDOT is looking for bidders for the I-90 Snoqualmie Summit to Hyak dowel bar retrofit and concrete rehabilitation project and the I-90 Lake Easton to Bullfrog concrete replacement project. These projects are expected to support an estimated 185 jobs and rehabilitate roughly 10 miles of deteriorating concrete pavement on I-90 east of Snoqualmie Pass.

For more information about the I-90 Snoqualmie Summit to Hyak Dowel Bar Retrofit and the I-90 Lake Easton to Bullfrog concrete rehabilitation project or other federally funded projects, please visit our project Web page: www.wsdot.wa.gov/funding/stimulus

I-90 express lanes closure just one week away

In exactly one week, construction crews will close the I-90 express lanes around the clock to make safety repairs. From May 4 to 23, carpools, buses and other traffic that normally use the express lanes will be diverted to the mainline. Drivers can expect delays of 30 minutes or more westbound in the morning and eastbound in the afternoon.

This closure will be good practice for an even bigger closure coming in July. From July 5 to 28, crews will close the mainline lanes of westbound I-90 and move all westbound traffic into the two express lanes. Drivers can expect delays of 60 minutes or more, especially from 7-11 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. Extra congestion is also expected on I-405 and SR 520 as drivers look for other ways across and around Lake Washington.

Your help is needed to prevent gridlock. Drivers who leave before 6 a.m. will avoid the heaviest congestion. Sharing the ride also will help minimize backups. New [Metro vanpools](#) can get three free months if they apply by May 15. And solo drivers who register to find a carpool on [RideshareOnline.com](#) will receive a \$20 gift card. You can leave your car at home and [ride the bus](#) or [bike to work](#). You can even talk to your employer about working from home or another location.

For more information on this project, visit: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i90/HomerHadleyBridgeRepair.