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## **SR 169 Green River Bridge repairs start Saturday**

Emergency repair work on the SR 169 Green River Bridge begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. The bridge that connects Black Diamond to Enumclaw closed to all traffic on Nov. 18 after geotechnical engineers noticed small but potentially dangerous movement near the south pier.

Crews now are moving forward with the plan to remove dirt from the area just south of the bridge. They will tear out asphalt and dig up an area that measures 25 feet deep, 200 feet long and 80 feet wide. Then they'll remove hundreds of dump truck loads of dirt and fill the hole with lighter, stronger material to relieve the pressure. Starting Monday, crews will extend their shifts to 20 hours a day with plans to finish this phase of work by Christmas.

In February, crews will build walls to strengthen the south pier. We expect to complete all work on the \$15 million project in June and reopen the bridge to all traffic.

Local access is allowed up to the bridge. Signs point to two detour routes and [updated maps are on our Web site](#). Go to the [project page](#) for more details and the most up-to-date, accurate project information.

Drivers are using the southbound Black Diamond Road detour put in place by WSDOT. Black Diamond city leaders want to remind drivers that the city is open for business. Just because the detour doesn't take you through town is no reason not to stop by for a cup of coffee and maybe pick up a quick holiday gift or two.

## **Sound Transit Rock 'n' Roll train carries 800 AC/DC fans**

Sound Transit counted more than 1,600 boardings for the Rock n' Roll Train to go hear AC/DC at the Tacoma Dome on Nov. 30. That means more than 800 people took the train instead of driving to the concert.

By comparison, Sound Transit's typical weekday boardings between Tacoma and Seattle are about 9,500, the vast majority of those on the six peak-direction trains. Watch [Sound Transit's Web site](#) for more special event trains.

## **Two weeks of closures for I-90 at I-405**

Next Monday, crews will launch two weeks of overnight closures of I-90 at I-405 to prepare to shift traffic to a new southbound freeway bridge. Crews will remove temporary construction materials from the bridge and close several area ramps for the work. The weeknight work will wrap up on Thursday, Dec. 18.

All lanes of eastbound I-90 at I-405 are slated to close Monday through Thursday beginning Dec. 8, and all lanes of westbound I-90 will close the same nights during the following week.

Due to the significant height of the new I-405 bridge over I-90, WSDOT is taking precautions to protect drivers from falling construction debris by completely closing one direction of the freeway each week.

Drivers will be detoured during the closures and should plan extra time for their trip. Eastbound drivers will detour south to Coal Creek Parkway while westbound drivers will divert north to NE Eighth Street.

When the new bridge opens this winter, it will carry two southbound lanes. The southbound carpool lane will remain on the existing freeway bridge. Once crews have further paved the new bridge, by the summer of 2009, all southbound I-405 lanes will use the new bridge.

In addition to the I-90 closures there will be area ramp closures and a nearby bicycle path closure the [first week](#) and [second week](#) of work. For more information please visit the [I-405 South Bellevue Widening homepage](#).

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