

## I-5 – South 317<sup>th</sup> Street HOV Direct Access Project Update

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### Construction Update

Crews have finished digging two new **detention ponds** to the right of the northbound lanes (east side of I-5). This week, they'll be installing drainage systems for these ponds. Excavation continues on the other two new detention ponds.

To the right of the southbound lanes, you may have noticed construction of **retaining walls** next to the large bridge support structure. This week, crews will pour the concrete for these walls.

Within the next couple of weeks, we plan to pave the median, and next month we'll shift southbound traffic to this **temporary roadway** while we build the direct access bridge supports and improve the pavement on the permanent southbound lanes. Preparatory work for the median paving continues, weather permitting.

For project information and construction photos, visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/I5\\_S317th\\_DirectAccess](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/I5_S317th_DirectAccess).

### Southbound I-5 Lane Closures

This week, drivers should anticipate daily single lane closures on I-5 southbound while crews build bridge supports for the South 317th Street Bridge. However, this work is weather-dependent and rain could delay these closures.

### Drainage & Electrical Subcontractors

Last week we told you about our primary contractor on the 317th project, Icon Materials. Icon specializes in paving and site development. They hire other contractors to do work such as installing electrical and drainage systems.

Two subcontractors are working on the drainage systems. Four crew members from **Gonzales Boring and Tunneling** are using equipment to drill underneath I-5 and are placing drainage pipes in these tunnels under the freeway. This installation method benefits drivers, as we don't have to close freeway lanes to dig trenches.

**Previtta Brothers Construction** has five workers on site who are laying drainage pipe and installing catch basins.

**Totem Electric** has eight electricians on the construction site. These workers are installing a temporary lighting system that will be used during construction. Totem crews are also working on a new permanent electrical system for the light posts along the freeway and the traffic signal system in the area.

Next week we'll tell you about the other two subcontractors working on the 317th project.

## Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Have you heard our weekly project updates on highway advisory radio? If so, we'd love to hear what you think! Send an e-mail to Laura Johnson at [JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov), or simply reply to this message.

If you haven't heard our radio updates, you can tune your radio to **1520 AM** as you're driving through the project area. We'll have new information every week.

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