



## I-405, SR 520 to I-5 Widening Project Future Projects in the Kirkland area

### Project Description

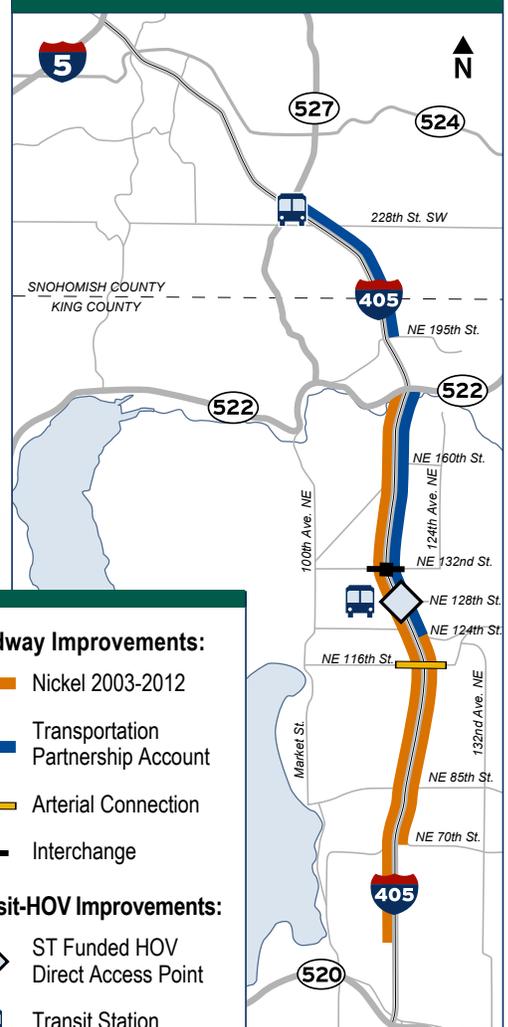
The SR 520 to I-5 Project adds a northbound lane from NE 70th Street in Kirkland to SR 522 and from NE 195th to SR 527 in Bothell. The project also builds one southbound lane from SR 522 to SR 520, two new bridges, northbound and southbound at NE 132nd, and a grade separation for traffic entering I-405 from NE 160th and exiting to SR 522.

A portion of this work (between NE 85th and 124th streets) was constructed in the Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 project, and opened to traffic in the fall of 2007.

### Project Benefits

- **Congestion relief.** The addition of the northbound and southbound lanes between SR 522 and NE 70th Street reduces congestion by increasing capacity by one-third. The addition of the northbound lane between NE 195th Street and SR 527 reduces congestion by increasing capacity by 50%. This project also eliminates the traffic weave between NE 160th and SR 522.
- **Safety.** The addition of grade separation from NE 160th and SR 522 traffic reduces sideswipe and congestion-related accidents entering and exiting traffic will no longer have to weave. The increase in capacity northbound and southbound between SR 520 and SR 527 also reduces congestion related accidents
- **Environment.** The I-405 Corridor Program is designing the project to avoid and minimize impacts to the environment. The SR 520 to I-5 Project will be cleared environmentally through the SR 520 to I-5 Environmental Assessment (EA) The Nickel funded work (colored in orange on the map) has already been cleared through the Kirkland Nickel Project EA in March 2005.

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### Project Timeline

- The SR 520 to I-5 Environmental Assessment began scoping activities in Fall of 2006.
- Construction is expected to begin in 2010.
- Project completion expected by 2012.