



SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project

July 2011

SR 520 to close on July 8-11

Ramps and the highway close at 11 p.m.

What's happening on SR 520?

During the weekend of July 8-11, both directions of SR 520 and all ramps between Montlake Boulevard and I-405 will be closed. The closure will allow crews to safely and efficiently construct a fish-passable culvert under the highway and complete other time-sensitive work activities. WSDOT maintenance crews will also conduct a thorough annual maintenance inspection and make repairs to the aging SR 520 floating bridge to make sure it will continue to carry traffic safely through winter weather.

All SR 520 ramps in the construction zone and the SR 520 bridge and highway will close at 11 p.m. Friday night. The SR 520 bridge and highway and all ramps will reopen at 5 a.m. the following Monday morning. SR 520 will remain open between Montlake Boulevard and I-5.

What are the benefits of the work that will happen during the closure?

- Yearly inspections of the aging SR 520 floating bridge will make sure it will continue to carry traffic safely through winter weather.
- Installing the fish-passable culvert will improve fish habitat along the corridor.
- We are taking advantage of the closure by combining other time-sensitive work activities that would have required separate closures and added time to the project schedule.

Mercer Street ramp closures

The City of Seattle is closing the I-5 on- and off-ramps at Mercer Street at 11 p.m. Friday, July 8, and reopening them at 5 a.m. Monday, July 11. Project information is on the Seattle Department of Transportation website www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/ppmp_mercer.htm



Crews will construct the fish passage culvert in a 30 foot deep trench across all lanes of SR 520. Each culvert is 10 feet tall, 20 feet wide and 150 feet long.



The new, larger fish-passable culverts will improve fish migration. Six culverts crossing SR 520 will be installed between Medina and Bellevue during the next two and a half years.

Know before you go

- For real-time construction updates, visit: www.wsdot.wa.gov/construction/2011/today
- Check traffic flow before traveling: www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/seattle
- Dial 511 for travel information
- Follow us via Twitter @wsdot_traffic

For more information:

Project website

www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202

SR 520 weekend closure website

www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/WeekendClosures

Project hotline

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How to get around the closure

What can drivers do?

Approximately 166,000 vehicles travel across the SR 520 floating bridge on a summer weekend. We need drivers help to avoid regional gridlock. We suggest you:

- Plan for added travel time and congestion if you are going to events around the region.
- Delay discretionary trips, especially during high traffic periods between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Carpool and use transit.
- Know Before You Go: check the WSDOT website, call 511 for real-time travel information and plan for delays and added travel time.

What's next?

We are planning several more complete weekend closures of SR 520 this construction season to demolish overcrossings, set girders, install fish-passable culverts and complete other work.

Travel Tips



Real Time: Look for electronic traffic signs with current travel times and incident information. Highway radio advisories will have the latest information for people traveling on the road or call 511.



Bus: Use Metro's Trip Planner at www.kingcounty.gov/metro or call Metro at 206-553-3000 (TTY: 206-684-1739).



Bike: Ride part-way, or one-way – Metro and Sound Transit buses have bike racks.



Regional traffic will be severely impacted by the full weekend closure of SR 520. Drivers should use alternate routes such as I-5, I-405 and I-90 and plan for heavy congestion and delays.

For more info, scan this code with your smartphone:



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