



I-405 - NE 8th Street to SR 520 Braided Crossing Project

Overview

Project Description

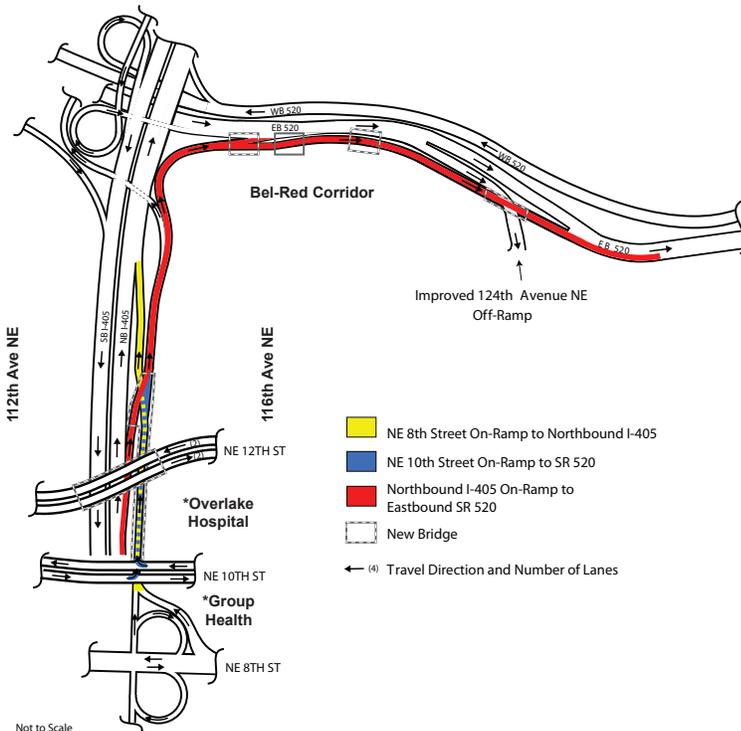
As a part of the long term master plan for I-405, which achieved regional consensus, WSDOT plans to build new structures to separate northbound I-405 traffic exiting to SR 520 from traffic entering I-405 at NE 8th Street in Bellevue. This \$255 million project adds a new eastbound lane along SR 520 to separate the on and off-ramps between I-405 and 124th Avenue traffic, and a new on-ramp from NE 10th Street to SR 520.

Project Benefits

- **Safety.** Improves safety by eliminating traffic weaves leading to congestion related and sideswipe accidents.
- **Congestion relief.** Improves traffic flow by relieving congestion caused by traffic weaving in the area of northbound I-405 to eastbound SR 520.
- **Environment.** The project is designed to avoid and minimize impacts to the environment.



Downtown Bellevue is directly affected by access to I-405 and SR 520. The completion of this project improves safety by eliminating traffic weaves for motorists on northbound I-405 and eastbound SR 520 between NE 8th Street and 124th Avenue.



Why is WSDOT building this project?

The new improvements will reduce congestion on I-405 caused by northbound I-405 traffic exiting to SR 520 and entering from NE 8th Street. The project also eliminates weave congestion on SR 520 between traffic entering from I-405 and exiting to 124th Avenue. This area experiences up to eight hours of traffic congestion a day.

Project Timeline

This project is expected to begin construction in 2009 and be open to motorists by 2012.

Currently:

- Discipline Report Open House occurred on January 10, 2008
- Environmental Assessment Hearing coming March 25, 2008

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