

## WSDOT I-5 Seattle & Shoreline Construction

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### Daylight Savings Time Ends One Day Before Halloween, Watch for Pedestrians

With daylight savings time ending one day before Halloween, be extra cautious when out on the road. Based on accident data collected in Washington State since 1993, about 35 percent of all pedestrian fatalities occur in the two months between the end of daylight-saving time and the end of the year and more than 900 pedestrian fatalities have occurred over the last 10 years.

During this period of dark, rainy and foggy conditions, we remind drivers to watch for pedestrians along school bus routes, at intersections and near transit stops and centers. Please use extra caution when backing out of driveways and driving in parking lots. When walking or biking during our shorter daylight days [use extra caution](#) as well.

### No Settlement on the Viaduct; Small Crack Grows

This month's analysis of the [Alaskan Way Viaduct](#) inspection results indicates that no new settlement has occurred. A crack that we have been monitoring has grown from four to seven millimeters. Currently, our engineers are determining if a repair is needed. The crack is in the area that we have been closely monitoring near Columbia and Yesler streets. It is on a joint on the southbound driving lane and can't be seen from the ground.

The crack is additional evidence that the viaduct is continuing to age. The crack does not pose a safety threat and the viaduct remains safe for traffic. Our bridge engineers and inspectors will continue to monitor the crack.

### Roanoke Noise Walls Along I-5 Almost Done

Good news, we're more than halfway done constructing [noise walls](#) on I-5 in Seattle along Boylston Avenue and the Harvard Avenue on-ramp to I-5. We finished building the Boylston wall this month as planned and are set to finish the north Harvard wall in early November.

### Mother Nature Works in Our Favor, Aurora Bridge Sidewalks Open Next Month

Through October we've crossed our fingers for dry weather so that we can finish installing [traffic barrier and pedestrian railing](#) on the Aurora Bridge on SR 99 before November. These improvements will enhance safety by separating pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicles and by reducing the risk of a vehicle driving through the existing barrier and off of the bridge.

This week crews are busy installing the last sections of traffic barrier and pedestrian rail on the west side of the bridge. If Mother Nature continues to cooperate, the east and west walkways will be open to pedestrians in early November sooner than scheduled.

After both sidewalks are open some minor clean up work will remain. Plan for a few nighttime [closures](#) in November. This \$2.1 million Nickel project is on budget. More than 100,000 cars use this bridge each day.

## **Workers Expanding N.E. 175<sup>th</sup> Northbound Ramp onto I-5 in Shoreline**

Crews continue their efforts to expand the [N.E. 175<sup>th</sup> on-ramp to northbound I-5](#) in Shoreline. When the work is complete next year, the N.E. 175th on ramp to northbound I-5 will be widened from two lanes to three. Crews are also widening I-5 in this vicinity. Through November they will pave the shoulder of northbound I-5 between N.E. 175th and N.E. 185th Street. The widened ramp and freeway will enhance safety by easing congestion and giving drivers more time and extra room to get on and off the freeway. More than 10,000 drivers per day use this on ramp.

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