

## South King County Projects Update

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### Latest on I-5 lane and ramp closures at Boeing Access Road for light rail construction



Sound Transit has announced a preliminary schedule of northbound I-5 lane and ramp closures for their light rail overpass construction at Boeing Access Road. The closures are currently scheduled to begin Sunday, Feb. 4, and continue for a period of about three weeks.

- Sunday and Monday nights, Feb. 4-5, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. crews will close one northbound I-5 lane, the ramp from eastbound Boeing Access Rd. to northbound I-5, and the ramp from southbound Martin Luther King Way to northbound I-5. Drivers wishing to enter northbound I-5 will be detoured to the on-ramps in Georgetown (Corson Avenue).
- Tuesday through Thursday nights, Feb. 6-8, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. crews will close two northbound lanes, the ramp from eastbound Boeing Access Rd. to northbound I-5, the ramp from southbound Martin Luther King Way to northbound I-5, and the ramp from northbound I-5 to westbound Boeing Access Road. Drivers will be detoured to enter northbound I-5 from the Corson Avenue on-ramps, and exit northbound I-5 at Martin Luther King Way.

Sound Transit will distribute the schedule for further northbound I-5 lane and ramp closures soon. Whenever the construction schedule changes, Sound Transit will post [updated information](#) on their Web site.

### WSDOT updates average travel times on the Web with new Puget Sound numbers

Fans of our [travel times Web page](#) may notice some changes in the average commute times. Nearly every commute corridor travel average has jumped this week, some by a few minutes, some by as many as 10 minutes or more. We've updated this tool with new data from our bi-annual [Ramp and Roadway Report](#).

Some of the commute corridors that show the greatest change from 2004 to 2006 are:

- Bellevue to Federal Way + 14 minutes. Average commute 56 minutes
- Federal Way to Seattle + 6 minutes. Average commute 49 minutes
- Bellevue to Tukwila + 7 minutes. Average commute 33 minutes

Several factors are playing a part in the build-up of congestion, including the addition of more than 40,000 new jobs and more than 70,000 new people in the Central Puget Sound region between 2003 and 2005. We're [taking aim at congestion](#) by expanding our incident response program, HOV system, traffic information systems, and more. We encourage you to take advantage of these tools we're providing you to help reduce congestion.