



SR 513 Montlake Bridge Morning Noise

Maintenance work may be noticeable to residents living near the bridge

Washington State Department of Transportation maintenance crews will perform their annual cleaning under the Montlake Bridge on the morning of Saturday, November, 16. There are large pits under the drawbridge where the counterweights sit. These pits must be cleaned out each year to ensure the bridge continues operating smoothly and prevent roadway debris and fallen leaves from piling up and spilling onto the nearby walkways.

Noise notification

We are sending you this notice because you may hear morning work noise. This notice also complies with City of Seattle's noise variance requirements. Residents on the south side of the Montlake Bridge may hear more noise than others due to the higher density of homes to the south.

Maintenance schedule

Saturday, November, 16

- **6 – 7 a.m.:** Crews will close the left lane in both directions of the bridge
- **7 - 9 a.m.:** Crews clean on the north end of the bridge away from the more residential southern end, using a large vacuum-type truck.
- **9 – 11 a.m.:** Crews clean on the south side of the bridge
- **11 – 11:30 a.m.:** Crews reopen lanes

Maintenance noise sources

The work is unavoidably noisy because crews must use a large vehicle known as a vacator truck. It acts as a large vacuum to remove the debris that collects under the bridge. Residents will likely hear this truck as it idles while vacuuming debris from under the bridge.

How will we reduce noise?

Crews will take several steps to minimize the noise. Lane closures and preparation work will begin at 6 a.m. but the noisiest work will not start until 7 a.m. The crews will clean at the northern end of the bridge first, positioning the vacator truck and a second attenuator truck between the work and homes on the south side of the bridge to act as barriers. Crews will use spotters, rather than backup alarms, when they need to reposition the trucks.

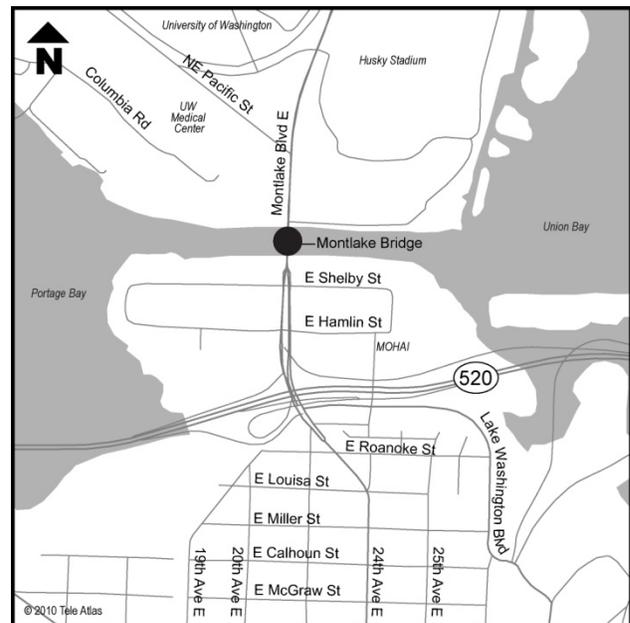
Traffic

Drivers can expect congestion approaching the bridge from both the north and south, particularly between 9 – 11 a.m. WSDOT recommends drivers use alternate routes, travel earlier or later and plan extra time if traveling across the bridge on Saturday, Nov. 16.

To report noise

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