

South King County Projects Update

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If bumper-to-bumper traffic doesn't sound like fun during your last summer vacation, let us help you pick the best [times to travel](#) this Labor Day weekend. We have published color graphs that show expected traffic patterns for I-90, US 2, I-5 South of Olympia and I-5 North of the Canada border.

New bike project offers commuters incentives to ditch their cars

If you are looking to spark up your pedal power by converting to a bike for your commute now is a great time. This week WSDOT in partnership with King County, Cascade Bicycle Club and REI kicked off a new project that provides incentives to commuters that drive their cars less.

It's called the Green Bike Project, and it will provide commuter bicycles, tune-ups, training, and gear for up to 300 commuters in exchange for the pledge to reduce drive-alone trips by 60 percent between now and May 2009.

Visit the [King County Web site](#) for more information about this project.

Road closures coming up on SR 123 in Mount Rainier National Park

Please plan ahead if you're driving through Mount Rainier National Park any time soon. Starting the day after Labor Day, crews working for the National Park Service will begin [roadway repair and safety improvements](#). Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 2, drivers can expect a total closure of nearly eleven miles of SR 123 from Cayuse Pass to Stevens Canyon Road Monday through Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The work will wrap up in mid-September.

Heads up: Drilling along I-90 Snoqualmie Pass resumes

From now until the first snowfall, our crews will resume drilling along I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass during daylight hours. This means if you plan to head over the pass, plan for short, intermittent delays on weekdays during off-peak travel times. WSDOT and contractor crews are taking rock slope core samples to help move design plans forward on the [I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project](#), which starts construction next year.

Cast your vote: Tacoma Narrows Bridge project up for award

The new Tacoma Narrows Bridge project is one of 10 signature transportation projects from across the nation that is in the running for the prestigious "America's Transportation Award." This award reflects the best in management and innovation by the American Association of State Highway Transportation officials.

The Narrows Bridge project, an engineering marvel built by experts and craftsmen from Washington and around the world, will now compete for the People's Choice Award. People from across the nation will choose their favorite via an online voting process. The winning state receives a substantial cash award to donate to a local or regional community service project of its choice. [Cast your vote today](#). Voting ends Oct. 19.

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