

South King County Projects Update

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Troopers now enforcing restrictions on crossing double line on SR 167

You may be seeing more and more signs that [high occupancy toll \(HOT\) lanes](#) are coming soon to SR 167 between Renton and Auburn. We're finally getting the dry weather we need to place the second white stripe that will separate the HOT lanes from the general purpose lanes. Crews expect to complete the striping this weekend using [overnight lane closures](#).

HOT lanes will open to toll-paying solo drivers on Saturday, May 3, but the "no double-crossing" rule will be enforced for all vehicles by the Washington State Patrol as soon as the double-white stripes appear on SR 167.

Upcoming lane closures on I-405 and I-90 in South Bellevue

Keep an eye out for lane closures in South Bellevue. Beginning Monday, April 28, through mid-May, please plan for a series of closures on I-90, I-405, and several ramps in the area so crews can set girders for a new southbound I-405 bridge over I-90. Drivers can also expect multiple rolling slowdowns on I-405 at I-90 over four nights.

For specific times and dates, please check [this PDF file](#) or visit the [Construction Update Report](#).

This work is part of the [I-405 South Bellevue Widening Project](#), which will help relieve congestion at one of the worst I-405 bottlenecks – the drive in and out of downtown Bellevue.

I-5 lanes in Bellingham to be closed this weekend

Taking a drive north? Be prepared for some delays. Thanks to a stretch of great weather, crews will be able to begin [weekend work on I-5](#) in Bellingham Friday night, April 25. Lanes will close at 10 p.m. and reopen by 6 a.m. Monday. The southbound right lane of I-5 will be closed all weekend. The northbound right lane of I-5 will be closed from 7 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday. Crews will also close the southbound on-ramp at Iowa Street all weekend. Detour routes will be posted.

During the 56-hour closure, crews will pour new concrete panels on the freeway from Samish Way to Sunset Drive. Significant delays are expected, so if your plans take you through Bellingham this weekend, you may want to choose an alternate route. You can check out the [best times to travel I-5](#) and scope out [traffic backups](#) by visiting our Web site.

Laying down the line for driver safety; WSDOT crews kick off striping season

Imagine a road on a moonless, dark and rainy night without the striped lines to guide you. Sounds pretty scary, doesn't it? Not to worry. WSDOT striping season is underway and crews are in gear to re-stripe more than 4,500 miles on dozens of highways around the Puget Sound area between the King/Pierce county line and the U.S./Canadian border.

The fresh coat of reflective paint that crews apply during spring, summer and fall months will make it easier for drivers to see the road when winter rains return.

Drivers can protect their car from damage and help WSDOT crews by recognizing striping crews and avoiding lane changes on freshly painted lines.

Remember to give striping crews plenty of room and watch for the "wet paint" signs on Puget Sound highways. Drivers who cross wet paint when signs warning about wet paint are present risk damaging the stripe and their vehicle. Also, drivers won't be eligible for reimbursement through the WSDOT claims process.

You can view photos from the striping season kick-off event and learn more about striping season at our [2008 striping season Web site](#).

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