

## South King County Projects Update

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### Des Moines Creek Basin celebration this Sunday

Join us at Des Moines Beach Park this Sunday to celebrate the completion of five environmental preservation projects. The work restored salmon habitat, improved trails for biking and hiking and improved stormwater detention. The projects are tied to [freight and congestion improvements on I-5 and SR 509](#). This free event will be an afternoon of outdoor fun and activities for the whole family.

- What: The Des Moines Creek Basin completion celebration
- When: 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008
- Where: Des Moines Beach Park at the mouth of Puget Sound and the southern end of Des Moines Creek in Des Moines. Nearby parking is located in the adjacent Des Moines Marina parking lot.
- Directions: [View Google map](#) . From southbound I-5, take exit 149 at Kent-Des Moines Road. Turn right (west) and proceed straight through the traffic light at Pacific Highway. Continue west on Kent-Des Moines Road for approximately two miles. Turn left on South 223rd Street, and continue down the hill to the stop sign. The Des Moines Beach Park is straight ahead. The marina parking lot is to the left.

### Demo time in Renton: Making way for I-405 lanes

This week crews in Renton demolished the northbound portion of the old I-405 bridge over Oakesdale Avenue SW to make way for [new lanes](#) .

In August, drivers on southbound I-405 started driving on a new bridge built in the area. Crews are now building the piers for a new northbound bridge. Next year crews will demolish the last of the old bridge and rebuild it to carry a wider I-405 between SR 167 and I-5.

[Check out the map \(pdf 686kb\)](#) showing how the project will add a lane in each direction on I-405 between I-5 and SR 167 and a southbound lane on SR 167 between I-405 and Southwest 41st Street.

## More buses running between Renton and Kent

Good news for Kent and Renton: You have more transit choices than ever.

- [Route 153](#) with service between Kent and Renton now has midday service every 30 minutes.
- [New Route 157](#) offers peak-hour service to neighborhoods east of Kent. The service connects Lake Meridian Park-and-Ride and downtown Seattle with stops at Kent East Hill, Glencarin, South 212th Street, and I-5.
- [Route 161](#) runs to the Lake Meridian Park-and-Ride.
- [Route 164](#) has new hourly service on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. between Kent and Green River Community College.
- [New Route 211](#) connects South King County Sounder riders with First Hill in Seattle.
- [Route 915](#) connects Auburn to Enumclaw with more Saturday service between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- [Route 143](#) has two more morning trips between Maple Valley and Seattle and one more evening trip from Seattle to Black Diamond. [Click here](#) to plan your trip with Metro or call 206-553-3000.

## Creek flowing again near SR 900

[We're widening](#) the northeast end of SR 900, an important route connecting Renton with Issaquah. To get the work done, Tibbetts Creek temporarily was diverted through a 10-inch-diameter hose while crews widened a section of the road ([see photos, including a deer in the work zone!](#)) The state Department of Fish and Wildlife approved a "fish window" permit allowing us to briefly divert the stream outside of salmon migration times. The Tibbetts Creek salmon run begins in late fall.

We disconnected the temporary hose Sept. 30 and set the creek free. It's flowing back in its bed, ready for migrating salmon and fall rains.

## First snow reminds us 'take it slow'

During winter months, our maintenance crews work around the clock to keep highways drivable and traffic moving by using salt and anti-icing compounds, or sand when temperatures fall too low for chemicals to work.

We focus initial efforts on where drivers are most at risk: hills, curves, ramps, bridges and interchanges.

No one can guarantee ice and snow-free roadways, so motorists must always be cautious when driving in wet and cold weather. Remember, ["Ice and Snow. Take it Slow."](#)

## Helping you get around

[Learn helpful ways to get around](#) during heavy construction. Or you can [share a ride to work or a concert](#).

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