

Kirkland Nickel Project Traffic Benefits

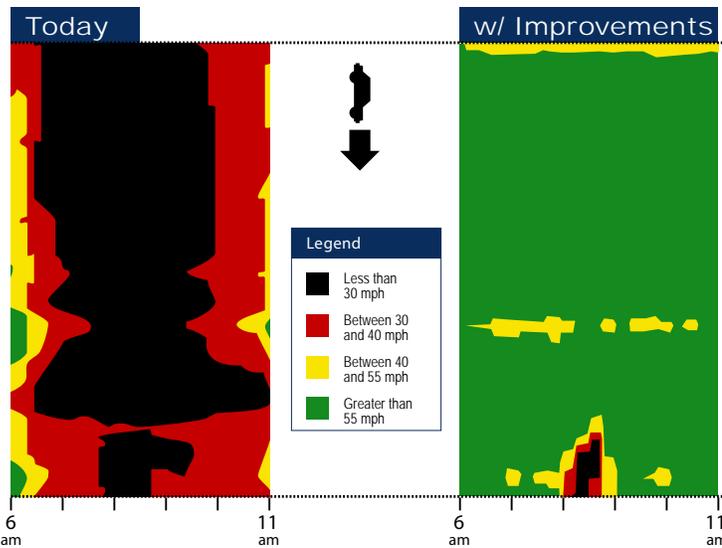
What are the highlights?

What is commonly referred to as the “Kirkland Crawl” will begin to run when the Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project is fully constructed. Motorists will see shorter periods of congestion due to an increase in capacity by one-third. Constructed in two stages - the Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project (SR 520 to SR 522) will add a new northbound general-purpose lane on I-405 from the NE 70th Street interchange to the NE 124th Street interchange, a new southbound general-purpose lane from just south of

the SR 522 interchange to just north of the SR 520 interchange, and reconfigures the interchanges at NE 116th Street to improve traffic operations. Other traffic improvements include changes at NE 85th Street and NE 116th Street, water quality treatment, detention, and conveyance system updates; architectural treatments that will enhance project appearance; and numerous measures to avoid or minimize effects to the environment.

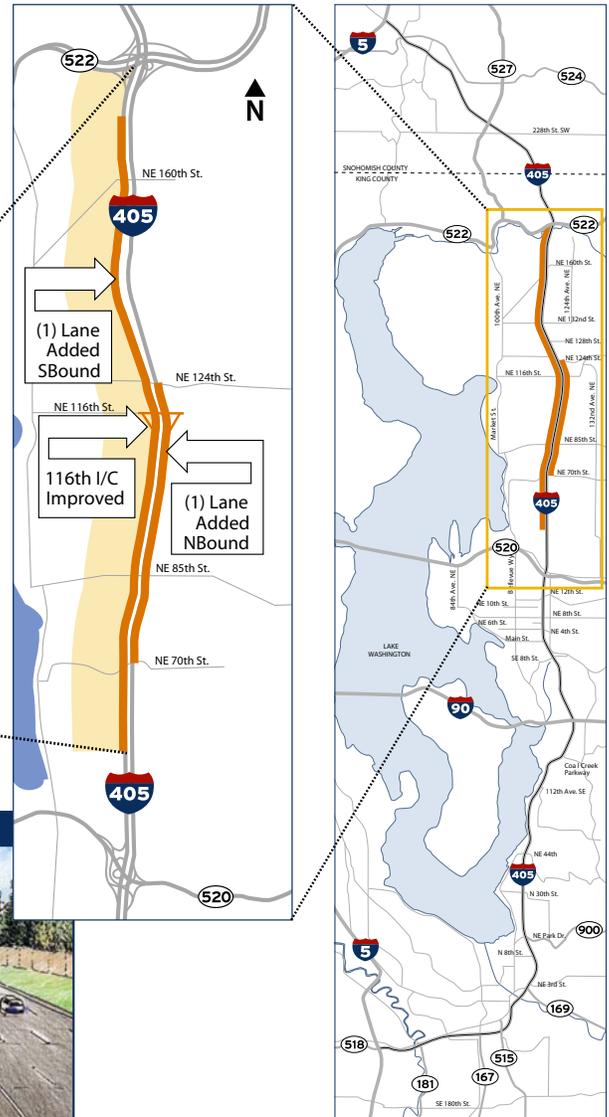
These graphics show a typical weekday morning drive on I-405 between SR 522 and SR 520. Areas that are green are free-flowing at freeway speeds. Black areas show stop-and-go traffic.

Southbound AM



These pictures show I-405 looking north from the NE 100th St. pedestrian overpass. On the left is how I-405 looks today. The picture on the right is a drawing of how I-405 will look when the Kirkland Nickel Project is complete.

These lanes from NE 85th to NE 116th will be constructed and open to the public one year ahead of the rest of the project. These “auxiliary lanes” (from onramp to offramp) will open in late 2006 to provide early congestion relief.



Kirkland Nickel Project Improvements

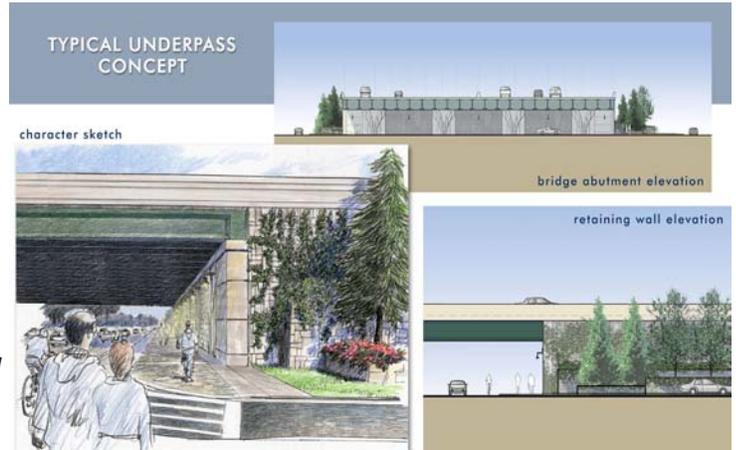
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The Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project will provide many short and long-term benefits to improve access, mobility and safety within the Kirkland stretch of Interstate 405. The excerpts below highlight some of the benefits Kirkland residents will see in their city.



Noise walls

Beginning in May 2006, crews will begin building Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 noise walls in Kirkland neighborhoods. This includes two new noise walls and two upgraded and replaced noise walls in Stage 1. Additionally Kirkland Nickel Stage 2 will build 3 new and 3 upgraded or relocated noise walls.



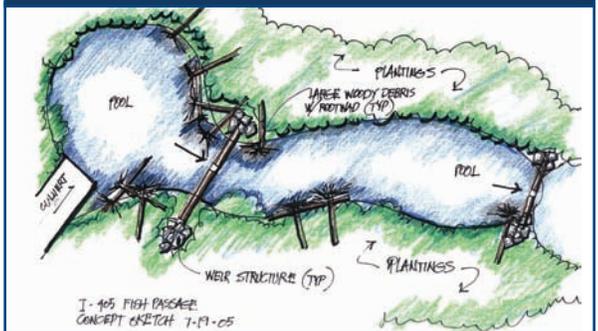
Typical Underpass Concept

The typical underpass concept shows how the NE 116th underpass will accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. This concept also shows the detailed landscaping and lighting implemented with the completion of the Kirkland Nickel project.

Forbes Creek Fish Passage

Forbes Creek currently runs under I-405 in a 42" culvert. This culvert is currently a fish barrier. As part of the Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 a 6 1/2 ft. diameter pipe will be placed south of the existing culvert to provide fish passage for Forbes Creek and open up over 1600 linear feet of stream. The new stream crossing was a collaborative effort between WSDOT, Kiewit Construction, WDFW, DOE and the City of Kirkland.

Forbes Creek



Forbes Lake Wetland Mitigation

In partnership with the City of Kirkland, WSDOT will be building the enhancement wetland mitigation sites at Forbes Lake as part of mitigation of wetland impacts along I-405 for the Kirkland Nickel project. The enhancements will be built in the spring of 2006. These improvements will take place on parcels surrounding Forbes Lake, including city owned property as well as 2 parcels WSDOT purchased. Once the mitigation sites are built and established the WSDOT parcel will be given to the City of Kirkland Parks Department for use in their future plans in the Forbes Lake area.

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