



SR 18 - Green River Bridge – Deck Rehab

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Crews will repave the eastbound Green River Bridge deck and repair the expansion and transverse joints.

What work is WSDOT doing to the SR 18 Green River bridge?

The pavement on the bridge deck is wearing down and needs to be repaved. We will repair the bridge deck by removing one and a half inches of the roadway by hydro milling, which is a removal technique that uses high-pressure water to break up the concrete. We will also repair the expansion and transverse joints.

There are two parallel bridges at this location. Work will only be done on the bridge that carries the eastbound lanes.

The Green River Bridge is a main commuter route for drivers traveling on SR 18 between I-90 and I-5. About 48,000 drivers cross this bridge each day.

What is the project timeline?

We will begin construction in spring 2013. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2013.

What can drivers expect?

Because the bridge is narrow, crews will need to close the bridge around the clock for four days to keep workers and drivers safe. A detour will be in place during the closure.

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The expansion joints allow the bridge to expand and contract in response to temperature changes and other outside forces.



Transverse joints act as a brace between sections of the bridge deck.