



Southbound I-5 in Downtown Seattle Nighttime and Weekend Construction

EXPECT TRAFFIC CONGESTION THIS SPRING

I-5 MAKEOVER

I-5 is turning 40 years old and needs a makeover. After years of cracks, potholes, and costly and disruptive temporary repairs, it's time for a more lasting solution. This spring we will:

- Replace deteriorating asphalt pavement in the southbound lanes of I-5 in downtown Seattle from Olive Way to Dearborn Street.
- Pave the Union Street exit with concrete.
- Replace the cracked concrete panel at the south express lanes entrance.
- Replace cracked and broken pavement and repair the bridge joint at the Dearborn overcrossing.

When the work is done, drivers will experience a smoother, safer ride and we'll reduce the need for disruptive and costly repairs for decades.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Crews will work at night and on weekends. Despite our best efforts to minimize disruption, this work is unavoidably noisy and requires freeway lane and ramp closures. Construction is currently scheduled for the following weekends:

- April 1 – 4
- April 15 – 18
- April 22 – 25
- April 29 – May 2

Crews will work during weekday nights prior to these dates to prepare for upcoming weekend work. On weekends construction crews will close lanes and ramps starting at 10:00 p.m. Friday and reopen them by 5:00 a.m. Monday. On weeknights, crews will close lanes from 8:00 p.m. and reopen them by 5:00 a.m.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

We will reschedule construction for the following alternate weekends if inclement weather significantly affects our work:

- May 13 – 16
- May 20 – 23

We and our contractor, Gary Merlino Construction Company of Seattle, will review weather forecasts each week to determine exactly when and where construction will occur. This means construction schedules may change with little notice.

NOISE

Crews must work at night to complete this job as quickly as possible and keep traffic moving. The sources of noise may move as crews complete their work and proceed to other locations. Crews will take several steps to minimize noise, including using spotters in lieu of back-up warning alarms, minimizing back-up movements for dump trucks that require the use of back-up alarms by law, bed liners in trucks, and choosing quieter construction methods when feasible.

Residents who have a direct view of I-5 may find that nighttime construction work sounds different than existing freeway noise. For example, construction work produces sound that is less constant than traffic. Residents without a direct view of the freeway will find that nighttime construction work sounds like a distant echo.

24-HOUR NOISE PHONE LINE

- (206) 768-9052

LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES

Crews will need to close several southbound I-5 lanes and ramps to complete their weeknight and weekend work. During two weekends, construction will reduce southbound I-5 mainline traffic to one lane. To help keep traffic moving we will do the following and more:

- Work with our contractor to find ways to finish the construction work as quickly as possible and minimize disruptions while work is underway.
- Open the I-5 express lanes southbound throughout the weekend closures.
- Temporarily open the southbound mainline high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to all traffic.
- Set up detours for closed ramps.
- Encourage drivers to carpool, vanpool, bicycle, walk, ride the bus, and adjust their schedules.
- Provide driver information on variable message signs, highway advisory radio, and via our Web site, e-mail alerts, and toll-free 5-1-1 traveler information phone line.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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