



## South King County Projects Update

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### Nighttime closures on SR 518 near Sea-Tac Airport for Sound Transit light rail construction



Starting this week you'll see a new light rail overpass taking shape across SR 518 near Sea-Tac Airport, just west of International Boulevard. The work will take approximately six weeks and require a total closure of SR 518 in both directions for three nights, and full one-way closures for 11 nights (five full westbound closures, six full eastbound closures). There will also be closures of the ramp from westbound SR 518 to southbound SR 99 – the main ramp into Sea-Tac Airport from the east. Traffic will follow signed detour routes. The closure schedule is subject to change. Visit [Sound Transit's Web site](#) for details.

### Two months left to make your plans for major I-5 construction in downtown Seattle

We're just eight weeks away from major I-5 construction in downtown Seattle. Crews will close multiple lanes on northbound I-5 between I-90 and Spokane Street around the clock between August 10 and 29. Crews have already begun preconstruction efforts. [Please start your preparations now.](#)

### HOT lanes coming to south King County

This week, we selected Signal Electric, Inc. of Kent for a competitive bid of \$7,087,088 to build our [SR 167 HOT Lane Pilot Project](#), which will convert nine miles of SR 167 high occupancy vehicle lanes to high occupancy toll lanes between Renton and Auburn. The project will allow solo drivers to pay a toll to use the HOV lanes. Toll rates are set electronically to keep HOT lane traffic flowing at 45 miles per hour or faster, even when the regular lanes are congested. During the pilot project buses, vanpools, carpools and motorcycles may continue to use the HOT lanes without paying a toll. Construction begins in mid-July, and the project will open to traffic in the spring of 2008.

Visit our Web site to [view a video](#) of how the new SR 167 HOT lanes will work, and get more information on our [Good To Go!](#) electronic toll collection program. We'll keep you posted through these e-mail updates on our progress with this project.

## More new traffic cameras on SR 18

In our May 10 edition, we told you about a new traffic camera on SR 18 at the Tiger Mountain summit. We've also added new SR 18 cameras at Auburn Way and C Street. This is part of a larger [launch](#) of 16 new cameras and a redesigned Seattle area traffic page.