



Renton Nickel Improvement Project



[West Valley Highway to Maple Valley Highway]

The Renton Nickel Improvement Project is a highway expansion project that will improve mobility and safety through Tukwila and Renton by adding lanes to I-405 and SR 167. On I-405, this project begins just east of the I-5/I-405 interchange in Tukwila and extends north past the Cedar River to the SR 169 (Maple Valley Highway) interchange. The project will build both an additional lane northbound and an additional lane southbound between I-5 and SR 169. On SR 167, the project begins at the SR 167/I-405 interchange and extends southbound to SW 41st Street. The project will extend the southbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane north to I-405 and add a southbound auxiliary lane from I-405 to the SW 41st Street off-ramp.

What are the Nickel Projects?

In Spring 2003, the Washington State Legislature approved a Nickel Funding Package providing more than \$4 billion over 10 years for a variety of highway improvement projects throughout the state. Three of the "Nickel Projects", totaling \$485 million, are on I-405. These three projects are the first steps toward achieving the I-405 Master Plan as detailed in the 2002 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and, in addition to Renton, will focus on south Bellevue and Kirkland.

Nickel Project Benefits from the 2005 Gas Tax

Earlier this year, the State Legislature approved the Transportation Partnership Account (TPA) project list that includes \$972 million to address congestion chokepoints along the I-405 corridor. The TPA projects complement the Renton Nickel Improvement Project by adding another \$180 million to I-405 improvements in the Tukwila/Renton area. The result is additional freeway lanes, a 50 percent increase in highway capacity, congestion relief and safety improvements.

Renton Improvement Projects Benefits:

- Increases capacity on SR 167 as the southbound HOV lane will extend north to I-405, moving high-capacity vehicles out of general purpose lanes on and off ramps.
- Congestion relief by increasing capacity 50% on southbound general purpose lanes between SR 169 and SR 167.
- Congestion relief by increasing capacity 50% on northbound general purpose lanes between SR 181 and SR 169.
- Improves safety by getting vehicles going to SR 167 out of main line and reduces traffic weave onto I-405.

Renton
I-405/SR 167 Interchange
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I-405 Project Schedule

