

What's happening on SR 522 near Monroe?



Crews will add an additional lane in each direction of SR 522 between the Snohomish River bridge and US 2. They will also add a median barrier to separate oncoming traffic.

We're widening more than four miles of SR 522 to four lanes from just west of the Snohomish River Bridge to 179th Ave. S.E. in Monroe. We will also build four new bridges, including a new bridge over the Snohomish River, add median barrier to separate oncoming traffic, build a roundabout at the 164th St. S.E. on- and off-ramps and construct a noise wall.

The widened roadway will help reduce congestion and delay, and the likelihood of serious collisions, for the nearly 28,000 vehicles that use the road daily.

Rock blasting and noisy work

In summer 2012 we'll start rock blasting along SR 522 just north of the Snohomish River Bridge. We need to remove 300,000 cubic yards of rock along the westbound lanes to make space to widen the highway. Drivers should plan for up to 150 day-time closures of SR 522 for blasting.



We'll also start noisy work in the Snohomish River in June 2012. Crews will drive steel piles into the ground for a temporary work trestle. They'll work from the trestle to build the new Snohomish River Bridge. Pile driving is noisy work, and nearby residents will likely hear hammering and other activity this June and July.

What is the project timeline?

Construction began in summer 2011. Crews will complete the project by late fall 2014.

What can drivers expect?

Drivers can expect up to 150 daytime closures for rock blasting. Drivers should also prepare for nighttime lane closures as crews work to build new lanes.

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SR 522 Rock Blasting

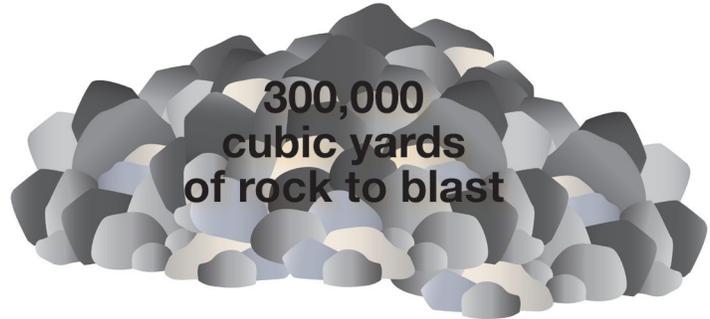
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Drivers should plan for 3-5 closures a week. They can choose an alternate route or follow a signed detour using SR 9 and US 2 around the closure. The detour will add 10 miles and 20 minutes to trips, depending on destination and traffic. We will use electronic signs and highway advisory radio to alert drivers to the closures. We'll also provide advance notice to emergency responders.



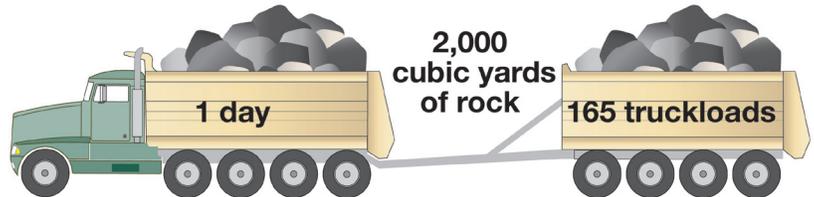
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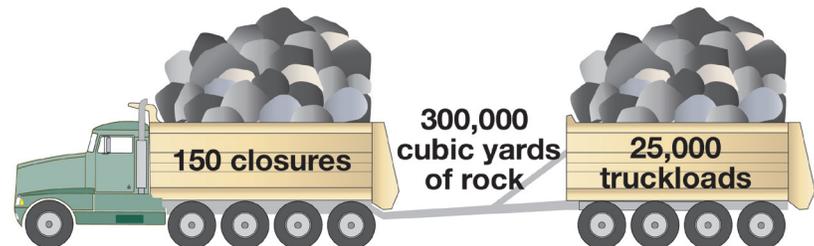
We will blast the rock using explosives and then haul it away from the site. Each truck can haul about 12 cubic yards of rock.



Each blasting operation will take about an hour from start to finish and must be done during daylight hours. To keep drivers safe we will fully close the roadway in both directions during the blasting work.



We can remove about 2,000-3,000 cubic yards (165 truckloads) of rock each day.



We expect to use 150 closures to complete the rock-blasting work. **Closures are currently scheduled for 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Monday through Friday and will start in summer 2012.**

