

## South King County Projects Update

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### I-405 construction heats up this summer

Get ready to see lots of orange cones on I-405 between Renton and Bellevue as work heats up. Crews will remove the [Wilburton Tunnel in south Bellevue](#) and build [a new bridge over Oakesdale Avenue SW in Renton](#), which means big closures are coming. Here's the information you need to get around this summer.

During the weekend of July 18, crews will close the southbound I-405 HOV lane between SR 167 and I-5 in Renton. The lane will close at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 18 and reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday, July 21. If you're planning to visit Renton, Bellevue or Tukwila on the weekend try traveling in the mornings or evenings to avoid the worst traffic.

#### **Plan ahead: Big closures coming in August**

To make room for more southbound I-405 lanes in south Bellevue, crews will remove the Wilburton Tunnel (just north of the I-405/I-90 interchange) in August. Crews will close southbound I-405 around the clock from SE 8th Street to I-90 during three weekends: Aug. 8 –11; Aug. 15-18; and Aug. 22 –25. Also from Aug. 8 – 11, crews in Renton and Tukwila will close southbound lanes on I-405 and the southbound SR 167 to southbound I-405 ramp to build the I-405 bridge over Oakesdale Avenue SW.

#### **Bellevue stores and restaurants will be open for business during these closures.**

#### **We need your help: You can minimize backups during the closures**

- Delay or reschedule discretionary trips, avoiding southbound I-405 near I-90
- Use alternate routes and main city streets
- Allow extra time
- Carpool, vanpool or take the bus
- Work from home if possible
- Adjust your weekend work schedule
- Be sure you have enough fuel

#### **Know the tools: They will help keep you moving**

- Check the [flow map](#) before you select your route and travel
- Dial 511 for travel information
- Plan your bus ride with the [Metro Trip Planner](#)
- Find a [rideshare](#) partner

- Check out [www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org](http://www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org) for tips on how to keep moving during construction and alternatives to driving alone
- Visit the [I-405 Construction Updates page](#).

## **We want to hear from you about tolls on SR 520**

Beginning July 29 we will kick off a series of five [open houses to talk with local communities](#) about tolling on SR 520 and how tolls can pay for [a new bridge](#). We invite you to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and provide input to us in person.

The meetings run through Aug. 7 and will be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the cities of Bothell, Renton, Seattle, Bellevue and Kirkland.

Attendees will learn about tolling options from a [tolling committee for SR 520](#), including forecasts of bridge funding raised by different toll rates and changes in traffic patterns with tolling. The meetings begin at 5 p.m., with a formal presentation at 6 p.m.

## **Got a better idea for the WSDOT Web site?**

Has the WSDOT Website ever frustrated you, made you confused or left you feeling overwhelmed? Is there some we can do different or better on our Website to make your experience easier or better? [Share your thoughts](#).

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