



## South King County Projects Update

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### Update on I-5 lane and ramp closures at Boeing Access Road for light rail construction



Sound Transit has updated their schedule of northbound I-5 lane and ramp closures for their light rail overpass construction at Boeing Access Road.

**Sunday, Feb. 11 through Wednesday, Feb. 14**— Crews will close one northbound general-purpose lane at 7 p.m. At 9 p.m. they will close the right two northbound lanes (collector-distributor and add-drop lane) and the northbound I-5 on-ramps from eastbound Boeing Access Rd. and from southbound Martin Luther King Way. Drivers wishing to enter northbound I-5 will be detoured to the on-ramps in Georgetown at Corson Avenue. Crews will also close the northbound I-5 exit to westbound Boeing Access Road. Traffic will be detoured via northbound Martin Luther King Way to Boeing Access Road. All lanes and ramps will reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning.

**Thursday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 17** - Same lane and ramp closures as above, and in addition, two to three general-purpose lanes will also be closed.

Total overnight closures of northbound I-5 are coming soon after the above closures. Please check [Sound Transit's Web site](#) for updates.

### I-5 HOV ramps in Federal Way quickly gain fans in first year of service

Traffic volumes have doubled on the I-5 Federal Way direct access ramps at S. 317<sup>th</sup> Street since the ramps opened one year ago. [Direct access ramps](#) in the freeway median allow buses, carpools and vanpools to reach park-and-rides and local streets directly from freeway HOV lanes, without merging through the general-purpose lanes. Over the past year, the S. 317<sup>th</sup> Street ramps have experienced the most rapid growth of all the direct access ramps, and have become the most used direct access facility in the greater Puget Sound region.

WSDOT and Sound Transit opened the Federal Way HOV ramps on Feb. 10, 2006. They now carry an average of more than 5,800 vehicles per day. This includes 233 daily transit trips on the four bus routes that use the ramps to access Sound Transit's Federal Way Transit Center, also opened in February 2006. Read more in our [news release](#).

## **Bus service changes this weekend**

Bus service changes go into effect this weekend (Feb. 10-11). Visit the transit agencies' Web sites for details: [King County Metro](#), [Sound Transit](#), and [Pierce Transit](#).

## **Contractors invited to our informational open house for upcoming construction projects**

If you or someone you know is a contractor interested in working with WSDOT, you are invited to attend a free informational open house Monday, Feb. 26. WSDOT and the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) are sponsoring the event at WSDOT's Shoreline office from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This is an opportunity to get information on upcoming projects, talk with staff from WSDOT Ad and Award and the OMBWE, and network with other prime and subcontractors. [Download our flyer](#) (pdf 33 kb) for more information.

Join us from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 at WSDOT's Northwest Region Office at 15700 Dayton Avenue North, Shoreline, WA. This is a free event with no advance registration required.