



Washington State
Department of Transportation

I-5 /Spokane Street interchange repair work

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Major ramp work January 2013 - April 2013

We are replacing 31 expansion joints on the I-5/ West Seattle Bridge/Columbian Way interchange. The expansion joints are nearly 50 years old and falling apart faster than maintenance crews can do repairs.

What are expansion joints?

Expansion joints are steel connections that allow sections of bridges to bend and flex with heavy traffic and winter's freeze-thaw cycle.



What can driver's expect?

- Crews plan 11 separate weekend closures.
- Crews will close up to two ramps each weekend for 56 straight hours.
- A maximum of two ramps will be closed during each construction weekend.
- Drivers should follow signed detours.
- Detours should add about 10 minutes to each trip.
- Drivers should check the web page before using these ramps on the weekend.



Crews will replace this slab of concrete which is thinning and rusting.

2013 construction schedule

Crews will work the following weekends:

- Jan. 4 - 7
- Jan. 11 - 14
- Jan. 18 - 21
- Feb. 15 - 18
- Feb. 22 - 25
- March 1 - 4
- March 8 - 11
- March 22- 25
- March 29 - April 1
- April 5 - 8
- April 12 - 15

Ramps close Friday at 10 p.m. and reopen Monday at 5 a.m.

Snow and ice may cancel work. Drivers will be alerted 48 hours in advance of work cancellation.



Failing expansion joints lead to potholes, collisions, lane closures and costly emergency repairs.



I-5 construction/noise hotline

206-440-4DOT

The work is noisy. The residents may request free earplugs.

For more information

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