

## South King County Projects Update

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### Total closures of northbound I-5 in south Seattle next week for light rail construction



Crews working for Sound Transit will completely close northbound I-5 at Boeing Access Road for three nights next week for construction of the light rail bridge over the freeway. On Saturday night, Feb. 17, two northbound lanes will remain open, but all other northbound lanes will be closed. Crews will also close the on-ramps from eastbound Boeing Access Road and southbound Martin Luther King Way, and the exit to westbound Boeing Access Road. The same ramp closures as above are scheduled for Sunday night (Feb. 18), and crews will close four northbound I-5 lanes, leaving one northbound lane open.

**Complete closures of northbound I-5 are scheduled for Monday through Wednesday nights (Feb. 19-21).** All northbound lanes will be closed from midnight to 5 a.m. A signed detour will direct drivers off northbound I-5 at SR 900/Martin Luther King Way, left on Boeing Access Road, right on East Marginal Way, right on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, right on South Michigan Street, and back onto I-5.

Please check [Sound Transit's Web site](#) for updates.

### I-5 widening in Federal Way progresses toward summer completion

Crews have completed concrete pavement grinding in both directions of I-5 from S.320<sup>th</sup> Street to the Pierce County line. The pavement grinding makes the ride smoother and quieter, helps tires grip the road better, and extends pavement life.

We're almost done with work on the S.336<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges - we just have to install a small section of barrier on the east bridge. We're currently installing raised pavement markers (buttons) and repainting the lane lines to make them more visible.

We expect to complete the [I-5 HOV widening project](#) in Federal Way this summer.

## We need your help to stop metal theft

WSDOT and the Washington State Patrol need your help. We're asking that you keep your eyes and ears open for any suspicious or odd work zones on the highway, and report suspicious activity on [our Web site](#).

To date, copper wire valued at more than \$100,000 has been stolen from state-owned street lights, signals and storage yards. Thieves also are stealing aluminum and steel. The crime costs taxpayers because WSDOT is self-insured. There is no insurance company to file a claim with, so all losses are replaced using tax dollars.

The crimes are also a safety issue. Traffic signals and overhead street lights are going dark due to thieves stealing directly from the circuit boxes out on the highway. This risks the lives of drivers and construction workers, because the damage may not be noticed until the traffic light goes dark or someone unknowingly contacts a live circuit.

How can you tell if activity looks suspicious? Here are a few tips:

- Work zones are clearly signed. You should see a sign telling you a work zone is set up ahead.
- Our crews and contractors' trucks and equipment are clearly identifiable with logos – either our [“flying T”](#) or the contractor's name and/or logo.
- Workers wear reflective clothing and hardhats.

To report a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1. You can also [report suspicious activity online](#).