

## I-90 Corridor E-mail Update

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### Expect some delays on I-90

You may need to add some extra time to your I-90 trip in the coming weeks as crews will be busy near North Bend and Snoqualmie Pass:

- One day next week (between Monday, Sept. 24 and Friday, Sept. 28), we will reduce traffic to one lane on westbound I-90 in the North Bend area. Crews are repairing sensors in the road. We expect the work to take four hours during daylight hours east of the North Bend interchange. Expect minor delays. You can check our [online traffic page](#) for current roadway conditions before you leave.
- Expect 20-30 minute [delays](#) over I-90 Snoqualmie Pass about nine miles east of the summit near the snow shed until the end of October from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (extended from the previous noon ending time). Crews are moving several pieces of equipment up onto the rugged slope above Keechelus Lake as part of the preliminary work for the [I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project](#).

### Washington continues to top the nation in seat belt use

In 2006, Washington State had the highest rate of seat belt usage in the nation with 96.3 percent, which is an increase of one percent over 2005. This is the highest rate ever reported by a state.

Wearing your seat belt gives you a 70 percent better chance of surviving a collision than someone who is not buckled up. Our high rate of seat belt use has contributed to a three percent statewide decrease in traffic fatalities from 2005 to 2006. While a reduction is good news, it is still 7.7 percent higher than the number of highway fatalities in 2004.

You can be pulled over for not wearing your seat belt – this is not a secondary offense. A seat belt ticket costs \$112 and you can be ticketed for every unbuckled passenger in the car who is under age 16. Passengers aged 16 and older can be given their own seat belt ticket. [Review Washington's seat belt laws](#), read some [interesting seat belt facts](#), and keep buckling up to stay safe.

## **Tweet! Tweet! Chirp! Burl is getting a helping wing from the birds**

[Burl the Squirrel](#) is a cartoon character used to educate children about the importance of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project. Find out how the [birds](#) are helping Burl and his friends get across I-90 safely.