

South King County Projects Update

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Weekend I-405 closures in Kirkland canceled after fatal collision

This weekend's scheduled work on I-405 between NE 85th Street and NE 116th Street in Kirkland has been canceled after a [fatal collision](#) in the work zone early this morning. At 12:30 this morning, a vehicle traveling northbound on I-405 swerved into the work zone just south of the NE 116th Street off-ramp and struck two workers. One worker was killed instantly. The second was pulled to safety by another crew member and is resting at home. The workers were marking the road in preparation for paving planned for this weekend. Crews will reschedule the work for another time; please check the project [Web page](#) for updates.

The collision is a tragic reminder for all of us during this busy construction season. Please take a moment to reflect on your own driving habits, for the sake of your own family and the families of those who risk their lives every day working to improve our roadways. An overwhelming majority – close to 99 percent – of people injured and killed in work zone collisions are drivers and passengers. Visit our [Web site](#) for tips you can take to make your next trip through a work zone a safe one.

Westbound SR 518 closed nightly next week near Sea-Tac Airport



Monday through Thursday nights, June 25-28, crews working for Sound Transit will close all westbound lanes of SR 518 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. The ramp from westbound SR 518 to the southbound airport expressway will also be closed. Drivers heading westbound to the airport will take a detour via SR 99, S. 170th Street, and Air Cargo Road onto the southern part of the airport expressway. Drivers heading west and bypassing the airport will detour onto SR 99 and S. 154th Street, then back to SR 518. These closures are necessary for Sound Transit to build a light rail bridge over SR 518. Next month drivers can expect more nighttime closures in both directions of SR 518. Visit [Sound Transit's Web site](#) for details.

Additional eastbound lane coming to SR 518

Drivers leaving Sea-Tac Airport will soon experience fewer delays. Tri-State Construction has been awarded the contract for the [SR 518 - Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange project](#), with a bid of \$26.6 million. Beginning in the fall of 2009, drivers will have a third eastbound lane on SR 518 between the North Airport Expressway and the I-5/I-405 Interchange. The work gets under way this August.

HOV project on I-5 through Federal Way nearing completion

Drivers are now traveling on five smoother and quieter lanes on I-5 through Federal Way. Crews are almost done with the [I-5 - HOV Pierce to Tukwila: Stage 4 project](#), which extends the HOV lane to the Pierce County line. The lanes are now in their final configuration. Over the next few weeks, crews will paint the diamonds on the roadway and post the HOV signs. Drivers should watch for [overnight construction](#) through the project area.

Extended HOV lane on SR 167 in Kent

It's the same good news story for the [SR 167 - 15th Street SW to 15th Street NW HOV project](#) through Kent. Drivers now have a continuous northbound carpool lane from the Auburn Super Mall to I-405 in Renton. Temporary diamond symbols are in place and crews will paint the permanent markings early next month. In the meantime, drivers should expect [construction work](#) at night in the area.