

South King County Projects Update

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To take advantage of dry, warm weather crews plan to start paving the southbound I-5 bridges over S. 336th Street and SR 18 tomorrow night (Friday, May 11), and continue every night for up to ten nights. This will require [nightly closures](#) of up to three lanes on southbound I-5.

Additional work remaining on [this project](#) includes:

- Cleaning and sealing joints on both directions
- Placing permanent pavement markings on both directions
- Paving the northbound right lane from the Pierce County line to the truck scales
- Paving northbound I-5 to the eastbound SR 18 on-ramp
- Paving all approaches to all ramps at the I-5 / SR 18 interchange
- Shot-blasting the pavement on both directions to remove glare and remnants of old lane lines

We currently expect to have five lanes open in each direction by the end of June, depending on weather.

Get ready: three months to go before major I-5 repairs south of downtown Seattle

Last Friday we [awarded](#) an \$11.9 million construction contract to Concrete Barrier Inc. to pave more than a mile of northbound I-5 and replace failing bridge expansion joints between Spokane Street and I-90. These repairs will significantly affect I-5 drivers and transit users heading into Seattle from south King County, particularly during 19 continuous days of intense construction from Aug. 10 to Aug. 29. Crews will close several lanes of northbound I-5 at all times, leaving only two or three lanes open to workday traffic.

We're working with local communities, businesses and transit agencies to help keep traffic moving during construction. You can take steps now to ease your commute this August:

- Arrange to carpool or vanpool
- Practice taking the bus or train

- Make arrangements to work from home or another alternate worksite
- Discuss altering your work schedule to come in earlier or later than normal
- Try alternate routes
- Plan a vacation between Aug. 10-29

Keep up to date on the project by subscribing to our [I-5 Seattle e-mail updates](#) and by bookmarking our [project Web page](#).

New traffic camera at Tiger Mountain summit

We've added a [new traffic camera](#) on SR 18 at the summit of Tiger Mountain. We know from your e-mails and phone calls that many of you will appreciate this new tool to help you plan your commute. We use our traffic cameras to monitor conditions and help us know where to send our Incident Response Teams to respond to situations that may cause delays. Thousands of you visit our freeway camera pages every day, making them the most popular pages on our Web site.