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## **SR 169 Green River Bridge repairs**

Our crews reached a milestone in the effort to reopen the SR 169 Green River Bridge last week. We completed excavation work on the south end of the bridge, which connects Black Diamond and Enumclaw.

We were forced to close the bridge more than a month ago because an ancient landslide was putting a dangerous amount of pressure on the bridge. Our workers have pulled hundreds of truckloads of dirt out of the area as part of work to stabilize the soils. [See what's left](#) after we excavated near the bridge.

Our engineers are close to finishing designs to strengthen the bridge pier so it will withstand the sliding soil. Next week, we plan to set some dates for bringing our designs to Enumclaw and Black Diamond. We plan to hire a contractor in January and begin construction in February. Watch the [project page](#) and these e-mails for updates.

## **New record for SR 167 HOT lanes**

More drivers are choosing to buy their way out of gridlock. The number of drivers using the SR 167 high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes hit an all-time high a month ago, according to a recent analysis. Figures show 1,721 drivers chose to pay a toll to escape traffic jams on Nov. 6. The previous record of 1,555 toll transactions was set a week before that on Oct. 30.

On average, 210 drivers pay to use HOT lanes during the peak morning hour in the northbound lane and 140 drivers during the peak evening hour in the southbound lane. Check the latest HOT lanes traffic summary information on the [WSDOT Web site](#).

Solo drivers can use a [Good to Go! transponder](#) to pay an electronic toll to save time in the HOT lanes on SR 167 between Renton and Auburn. Toll rates vary with traffic levels. Solo drivers pay just one toll per trip along SR 167. No transponder or toll is required for carpools of two people or more.

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