



# I-405, South Bellevue Widening Project

## Southbound I-405 to close in August 2008 for tunnel removal

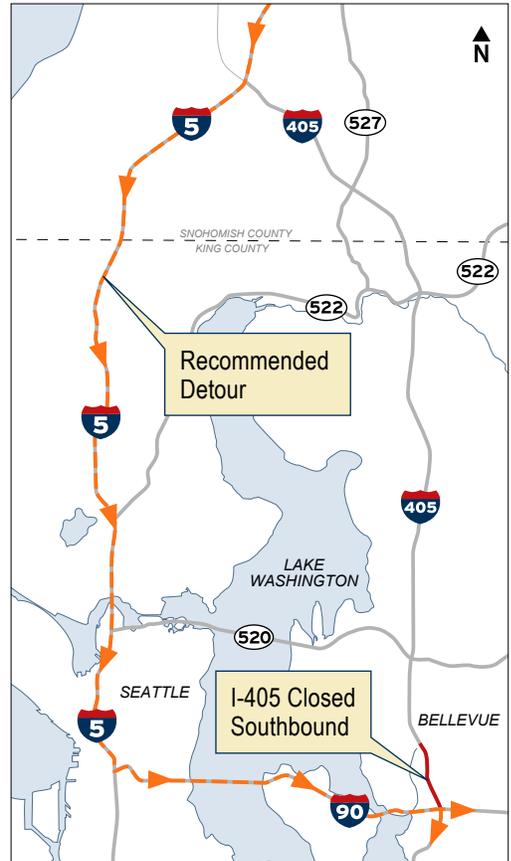
### What's happening on I-405 in Bellevue?

WSDOT is widening I-405 between 112th Ave SE and SE 8th Street as part of the I-405, South Bellevue Widening Project. To make room for more southbound I-405 lanes in south Bellevue, construction crews will remove the Wilburton Tunnel (just north of the I-405/I-90 interchange) in August 2008. For three 54-hour weekends, crews will close southbound I-405 to remove the tunnel safely and efficiently. The three closures are necessary because traffic cannot pass through the tunnel while crews work to remove it.

### When will southbound I-405 close?

Crews will close southbound I-405 completely from SE 8th Street to I-90 during three weekends:

- 11 p.m., Friday, August 8 to 5 a.m., Monday Aug. 11
- 11 p.m., Friday, August 15 to 5 a.m., Monday, Aug. 18
- 11 p.m., Friday, August 22 to 5 a.m., Monday, Aug. 25



**Recommended Regional Detour:** Drivers from the north, headed south of Bellevue, are encouraged to avoid I-405 north of I-90. Either remain on I-5 south or take I-5 to eastbound I-90.



**Local Detour:** For local access, drivers headed south on I-405 will take the southbound off-ramp to SE 8th Street, to 112th Ave SE, to Bellevue Way, to eastbound I-90, to southbound I-405. This detour likely will be very slow. Drivers should take one of the recommended detours if possible.

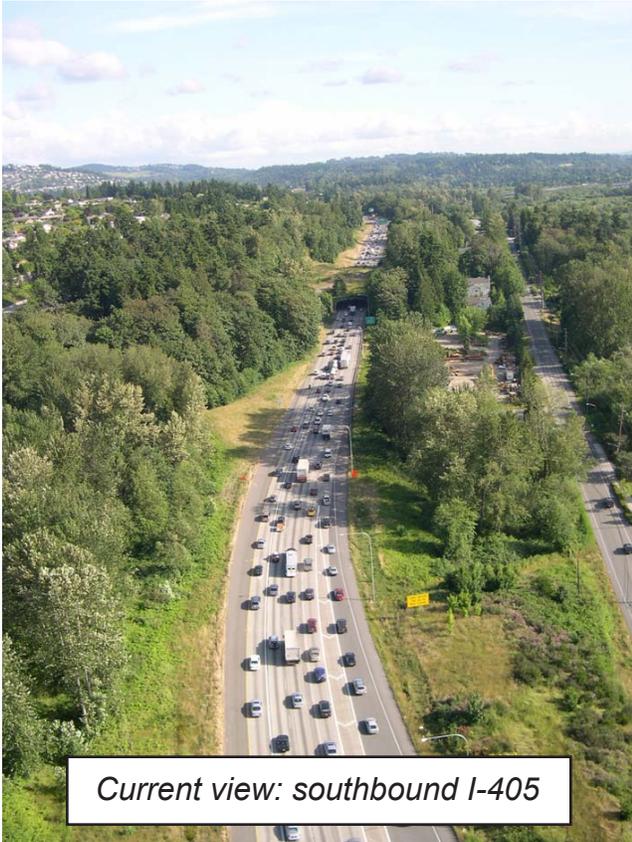


**Recommended SR 520 Detour:** Drivers will take westbound SR 520, to southbound I-5, to eastbound I-90 to southbound I-405. Drivers headed to points south could also remain on I-5. Use this route or the regional detour if possible, because the local detour likely will be very slow.



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Current view: southbound I-405



Future view: southbound I-405

Above left, drivers on southbound I-405 travel through the Wilburton Tunnel in south Bellevue. At right, a future view of I-405, shows new travel lanes with the tunnel removal. The I-405, South Bellevue Widening Project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2009.

### What can I do during tunnel closures?

You can help minimize backups during the closure of southbound I-405 in Bellevue, please:

- Delay or reschedule discretionary trips, avoiding southbound I-405 near I-90.
- Use alternate routes.
- Allow extra time.
- Carpool, vanpool, or take the bus.
- Work from home if possible.
- Adjust your weekend work schedule.
- Be sure you have enough fuel.

### For more information:

Visit the project website at:

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/112thAvetoSE8th/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/112thAvetoSE8th/)

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### What tools can I use to keep moving?

- Check the flow map before you select your route and travel: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/seattle](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/seattle)
- Dial 511 for travel information
- Plan your bus ride: <http://TripPlanner.Metrokc.gov>
- Find a rideshare partner: [www.RideshareOnline.com](http://www.RideshareOnline.com)
- Check out [www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org](http://www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org) for tips on how to keep moving during construction and alternatives to driving alone.

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