

Plan for Bellevue I-405 closures at night

Crews to set girders for NE 12th Street Bridge

If you drive I-405 at night, prepare for major slowdowns in August as crews shut down one direction of I-405 at a time. Closures include:

- **Tuesday, Aug. 3 and Wednesday, Aug. 4:** Crews will completely close northbound I-405 from NE Eighth Street to SR 520 for two nights, detouring traffic to I-90, I-5 and SR 520.
- **Monday, Aug. 9 and Tuesday, Aug. 10:** Crews will completely close southbound I-405 from SR 520 to NE Eighth Street for two nights, with detours via SR 520, I-5 and I-90.

Crews will close lanes at 8 p.m. with **one direction of the freeway completely closed by 11 p.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m.**

The I-405 closures are necessary so crews can safely lift 100-ton girders over the freeway for a new NE 12th Street Bridge.

How should I prepare for the closures?

Crews will set the girders at night, when traffic volumes are lowest. Nevertheless, nighttime drivers should consider rescheduling trips. If that isn't possible:

- Avoid I-405 in Bellevue.
- Allow extra time for travel and prepare for delays.
- Local traffic should follow local detours.
- The NE 12th Street bridge will close during the I-405 closures. Drivers and pedestrians should use NE 10th Street.

Tools to keep you moving:

- www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/conupdates.htm#Braids for details on the scheduled lane and ramp closures
- www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/seattle for traffic flow maps
- Dial 5-1-1 for real-time travel information
- Follow us via Twitter @wsdot_traffic

Building the bridge in stages

Crews are building the new NE 12th Street bridge in stages. They are now building a new section of bridge south of the existing bridge. Once crews finish that, they'll shift traffic to it and tear down the existing bridge. Then crews will construct the north side of the bridge, connect the two sections, and open the new bridge in the summer of 2012.

The new bridge will be longer and wider and will provide room for a new ramp from NE 10th Street to SR 520. The bridge will have a lane separated from traffic for pedestrians and bicyclists. The new bridge is part of the I-405 - SR 520 Bellevue Braids Project to improve traffic between I-405 and SR 520.

Construction facts

- Crews will set a total of 10 large girders over I-405: five girders over northbound lanes and five over southbound lanes.
- The girders are 185 feet long.
- Each concrete girder weighs 205,000 lbs.
- Crews will use two cranes with a lifting capacity of 500 and 600 tons each to set the girders.

For more information

www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/ne8thtosr520/

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Getting around the closures

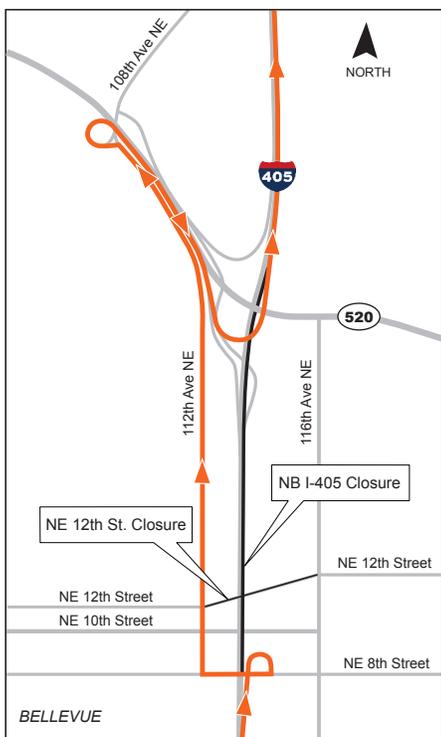
Nighttime drivers should avoid I-405 in Bellevue, take alternate routes, and plan for delays. We recommend the regional detour since local detours will be congested. Check signs and the WSDOT project web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/ne8thtosr520/ for any updates.

Recommended regional detour for northbound closures, Aug. 3 and Aug. 4:

Drivers should take westbound I-90, northbound I-5 and eastbound SR 520 to northbound I-405.

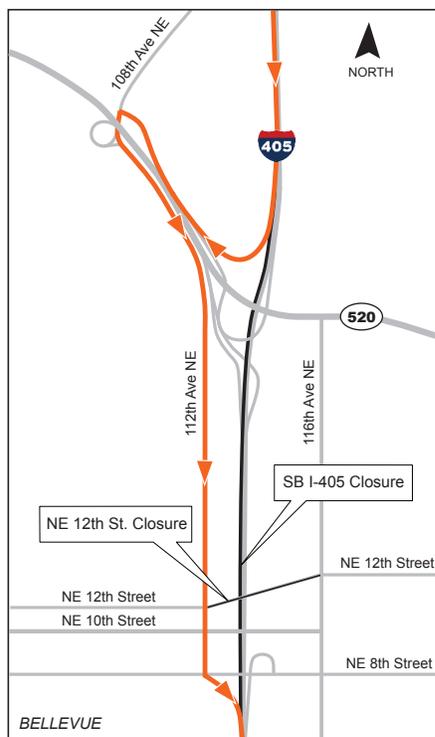
Recommended regional detour for southbound closures, Aug. 9 and Aug. 10:

Drivers should take westbound SR 520, southbound I-5, eastbound I-90 to southbound I-405.



Local detour, northbound closures, Aug. 3 and Aug. 4:

Eastside drivers should take the NE 8th Street exit westbound, turn right onto 112th Ave NE, then continue onto eastbound SR 520. Exit onto northbound I-405.



Local detour, southbound closures, Aug. 9 and Aug. 10:

From southbound I-405, exit onto SR 520 west. Exit onto 108th Ave NE, turn left and continue onto 112th Ave NE. Take the NE 8th Street ramp onto southbound I-405.