

I-90 corridor e-mail update

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Holiday travel tips: Enjoy family time, plan ahead and check best times to travel

Enjoy your time with family and friends more by checking the road reports before you go. With expanded information on our Web site, you can find the [best time to travel](#) Washington highways over Thanksgiving weekend.

We've tracked information for four key holiday travel routes, I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass, US 2 over Stevens Pass, I-5 south of Thurston County and I-5 near the U.S./Canadian Border.

Easton bridge repair work underway

Crews are working quickly to repair a bridge over I-90 near Easton. We've demolished part of the bridge after an oversized load struck it on Halloween, causing major damage. [View the timeline](#), [track our progress](#), and look at [photos](#) of the bridge.

WSDOT completes drill work; helicopters fly south for the winter

This past summer and fall, we slowed I-90 traffic for short intervals as a precautionary measure while low flying helicopters carried heavy drilling equipment along the steep slopes of Snoqualmie Pass. The equipment was used to collect data for the upcoming [I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East – Hyak to Keechelus Dam Project](#). The drill work is complete for the season, "We'll be back next spring," said I-90 Project Director Brian White. In the meantime, we'll continue work on the final environmental impact statement (FEIS), and the design for the project.

Looking ahead: US 97 bridge at Biggs

If you are traveling south for the holidays, please be aware that in December, we're starting a project to replace the concrete deck of the [US 97, Biggs Bridge](#) over the Columbia River. Expect to see nighttime, single lane closures between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. We don't expect delays to be longer than 20 minutes.

In January, we'll completely close the bridge and detour traffic. We'll provide detour routes online as we get closer to the closure. [Carpool match information](#) is also available.

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