

South King County Projects Update

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One week left to make your plans for I-5 Seattle closures

There is just one week left until our biggest construction closure ever comes to I-5 in Seattle. Starting at 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, we'll close multiple lanes and ramps on northbound I-5 between Spokane Street/West Seattle Bridge and I-90 around-the-clock for 19 days.

If you haven't made your plans yet, you still have time. We've put together a [great set of resources and ideas](#) to help you survive the closures. Here are a few to get you started:

- Plan an [alternate route](#) such as East Marginal Way or Airport Way South.
- Take the train. [Sound Transit](#) has added a fifth Sounder Commuter train on its route from Puyallup to Seattle.
- First-time bus or Sounder rider and need a place to park? Check out our map of recommended [park-and-ride lots](#).
- Still looking for ideas? [Our new blog](#) is a popular place to share tips and questions with other drivers.

New turn lane on SR 516

A new [two-way left turn lane](#) recently opened on SR 516 from 207th Avenue to 209th Avenue SE on the border of Covington and Maple Valley. We also widened the lanes and shoulders and added bus pull-outs with sidewalks. This project improves safety and improves congestion by allowing left turning vehicles to get out of the through lanes.

Ecology Youth Corps help clean local highways

You can thank some local teens for helping to make your local highways cleaner and safer this summer. Dozens of kids, most of them 13-15 years old, are taking part in the [Ecology Youth Corps](#) program. This unique summer job puts crewmembers to work, picking up litter along on state highways including I-5, SR 18, and SR 516. Last year Ecology Youth Corps picked up more than 180 tons of garbage in King, Skagit, Snohomish, Island and Whatcom counties alone.

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