

South King County Projects Update

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Potential rockslide may keep Cayuse Pass closed through Thanksgiving

[Cayuse Pass \(SR 123\)](#) inside Mount Rainier National Park may be closed through Thanksgiving. [Several rocks](#) fell onto the highway Tuesday morning. No one was hurt but the road was closed pending more investigation into the rockslide. Federal geotechnical experts will not be able to get to the area to assess the danger until Monday, Nov. 19. If they determine the slope above the highway is too unstable, we will have to bring in a contractor to remove the hazardous rocks and that's not likely to occur Thanksgiving week.

Travelers may use [Chinook Pass \(SR 410\)](#) to get to their holiday destinations.

Know before you go this Thanksgiving weekend

We're giving you tools to help plan your holiday trips so you can enjoy your time with family and friends more. To help you decide the best times to travel, we've tracked information for [four key holiday travel routes](#): I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass, US 2 over Stevens Pass, I-5 south of Olympia and I-5 near the U.S./Canadian Border.

In general, we expect traffic to be heavier Wednesday and Sunday, and also on Friday near shopping centers. Here are more tools to help you plan your travel:

- Read our tips on [winter driving](#)
- Visit our [traffic page](#)
- Call our 5-1-1 driver information line
- Use your cell phone or PDA to access our small-screen Web page: www.wsdot.wa.gov/small
- Pay attention to overhead and roadside electronic signs
- Listen to highway advisory radio (watch for signs telling you where and when to listen)

We're working with the State Patrol to keep you safe and keep traffic moving. We'll also be monitoring weather reports and our traffic cameras all weekend, and we'll call out additional crews and equipment if needed.

42nd Avenue South to close this week

You may want to steer clear of 42nd Avenue S. next week. Crews will close 42nd at SR 518 around the clock from Monday, Nov. 19 through noon on Wednesday, Nov. 21 for bridge construction. It's part of the [widening project](#) on SR 518 between SR 509 and I-5. A detour will be in place. Local access will be maintained for nearby residents.

For other construction closures in South King County, please visit the [Construction Update report](#).

New lighting almost complete on SR 167

If you've driven on SR 167 through Auburn lately, you've probably noticed new lighting. As part of the [SR 167 – 15th Street SW to 15th Street NW HOV project](#), crews are installing new light standards. More and more of them have been turned on each night. We hope to have all of the working by the end of this month.

Taking winter by storm – be prepared

With last year's record-breaking storms still relatively fresh in everyone's memories, we're making plans to "take winter by storm" this year.

- **Utility strike team** – We'll work closely with King County roads crews and PSE to clear roads, get in and get the power back on as soon as possible.
- **Transit assistance** – We'll work with transit agencies to plow transit snow routes so you'll feel comfortable taking the bus rather than your own personal vehicles. We'll also be able to push buses to safe zones for the first time.
- **Emergency management** - We'll activate our emergency operations center more frequently.

You also need to [prepare yourself](#). Share what you learned from last year's storms on our [blog](#).

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