

## South King County Projects Update

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### Emergency repairs will slow traffic on SR 169 near the Green River

You can expect some slowdowns on SR 169 near the Green River Bridge (Kummer Bridge) over the next couple of weeks. An unstable slope under the bridge is showing signs of weakness, so we're alternating traffic through a single lane over the bridge to protect drivers.

The bridge will be completely closed for interim repairs as soon as next week. At that time, traffic will be detoured onto a [seven mile route](#) west of SR 169. The detour will take an extra five to 10 minutes. Preliminary estimates are that the road will be completely closed for up to two weeks. Check our [Web site](#) for the latest closure information. Permanent repairs will need to be made before the fall rains begin.

### Expect some delays this weekend on SR 900 in Renton

Headed to the beach for the sunny weekend? You might run into some congestion near Gene Coulon Park in Renton. Beginning at 10 p.m., Friday, June 27, crews will close two lanes of SR 900 between Sunset Boulevard NE and I-405 to upgrade a drainage system. All traffic will be funneled into the eastbound lanes – one lane in each direction.

Traffic in the area could get especially heavy because of hot weather forecast for the weekend and the proximity of Lake Washington to the work site. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday.

### How will you get around during the southbound I-405 closures in August?

It's never too early to plan your routes around [I-405 in South Bellevue](#) this August. During the weekends of August 8-11, 15-18 and 22-25 crews will close southbound I-405 between SE 8th Street and I-90 to remove the [Wilburton Tunnel](#) (pdf 1MB) to make room for more southbound I-405 lanes.

You can help minimize traffic backups -- delay or reschedule nonessential trips, use an alternate route, carpool, take the bus or work from home. You can also call 511 for travel information and check the [I-405 construction updates](#) closure information on I-405.

## Will the new cell phone law change how you drive?

As you may have heard, [talking on a cell phone without a hands-free device](#) will be illegal starting July 1. You won't be pulled over solely for talking on a hand-held cell phone, but you can be stopped if you are swerving or speeding. If you are pulled over, the ticket is \$124 (the same for texting while driving). You can still use your cell phone if you use a hands-free device such as a Bluetooth or headset.

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