

South King County Projects Update

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Know before you go: traffic backups expected on both ends of July 4 holiday

With Independence Day falling on a Wednesday, summer weather finally arriving, and gas prices dropping, we're expecting traffic backups Friday, Sunday and the following weekend -- Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8.

You can [save time and frustration](#) by planning ahead. Historical data indicates the best time to travel is Saturday, June 30 or Monday, July 2. Following the holiday, try to avoid mid-day travel Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8.

Know before you go, and when you're on the road:

- Check [up-to-date traffic conditions](#) and links to possible heavy traffic data.
- View [mountain pass reports](#) and [weather information](#) .
- Call 5-1-1 for traffic and weather information.
- Watch for electronic messages on signs above the highway.
- Tune in to highway radio advisory messages on AM 530 and AM 1610.
- Pack your laptop and wireless card to check information at 24 of our 42 rest areas that offer free [wireless Internet access](#) .

Upcoming total closure of southbound I-5 in Federal Way

Monday night, July 2, crews will close all lanes of southbound I-5 at S. 320th Street to install traffic sensors in the roadway. The traffic sensors feed traffic congestion and speed data to WSDOT's [traffic flow map](#) . We'll close the first lane at 8 p.m., and all lanes will be closed by midnight. Traffic will be detoured off the freeway, where a police officer will direct traffic through the intersection and back onto I-5. Please consider taking an alternate route such as SR 99 or Military Road. We'll begin reopening lanes at 5 a.m. Tuesday, with all lanes reopen by 11 a.m. This work is part of phase four of the [I-5 - Pierce County Line to Tukwila HOV Lanes](#) project.

Six weeks left to make your plans for major construction in August

The clock is ticking on [major I-5 construction in downtown Seattle](#) . WSDOT contractors will close multiple lanes on northbound I-5 between I-90 and Spokane Street around the clock from August 10 – 29. These closures will affect South King County drivers and transit users. Crews have already begun preconstruction efforts. Please [start your preparations now](#) .

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