



Update on SR 518 Widening from SR 99 to I-5

In this project crews will add a third eastbound lane from SR 99 to I-5 and build four noise walls to reduce noise in this corridor

SR 518 WIDENING UNDER WAY

Work started in July 2007 on a Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project to widen State Route 518 between SR 99 and I-5 by adding a third eastbound lane. The project should be complete in 2009.

REDUCING CONGESTION AND IMPROVING SAFETY

Traffic volumes are growing on SR 518 and will continue to increase because of forecasts showing significant air travel growth over the coming years at Sea-Tac Airport. Adding a third eastbound lane on SR 518 will reduce congestion now and in the future for drivers and transit users leaving the airport and for commuters on SR 518. Crews working for contractor Tri-State Construction also will build four noise walls, upgrade traffic barriers and update other safety features to current standards.

TWO-DAY 42ND AVENUE S. CLOSURE

On Monday, Nov. 19, and Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, crews will close 42nd Avenue S at SR 518 for bridge construction. Closing 42nd Avenue South is necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public and workers. The closure also will allow the contractor to complete the work faster. If crews cannot finish the work, we will schedule additional closures of 42nd Avenue S on Monday, Nov. 26, and Tuesday, Nov. 27. Local access will be allowed for residents that live close by.

CLEARING UNDERWAY FOR ROADWAY WIDENING

In August 2007 the crews started clearing vegetation and removing roots and stumps on the south side of SR 518 from SR 99 to I-5 for construction of the third lane.

NIGHTTIME CONSTRUCTION NOISE

During construction nearby residents will notice some nighttime work activates mainly for lane traffic switch and paving. Most of the work on the project will be in the daytime.

HOW WILL WE REDUCE NOISE AT NIGHT?

Contractor crews will take several steps to minimize noise:

- Covering equipment with blankets,
- Shielding machinery
- Using back-up warning beepers that automatically adjust to the lowest possible noise level.

WSDOT will ensure that all noise mitigation strategies are in place during the nighttime work.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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