

Salmon Creek Interchange Project

Next steps



- 1** Open new on-ramp from Northeast 139th Street to northbound I-5
 - WHY?** We're opening the new ramp so drivers can continue accessing northbound I-5 during the remainder of interchange construction.
 - THE BIG PICTURE:** As part of the larger interchange project, relocating the ramp will help alleviate congestion on NE 134th St.
 - TRAFFIC IMPACT:** This changes the way drivers access northbound I-5. Expect delays on NE 134th St. and NE 20th Ave. until the NE 139th St. interchange opens to traffic in 2014.
- 2** Demolish the existing on-ramp from Northeast 134th Street to northbound I-5
 - WHY?** This ramp sits in the path of the new bridge and needs to be removed so crews can complete construction on the new interchange.
 - THE BIG PICTURE:** Removing this ramp eliminates one of the left turn signals on NE 134th St., helping reduce traffic congestion on the corridor.
 - TRAFFIC IMPACT:** Crews will close both directions of I-205 when they demolish the section of the ramp that carries traffic over I-205.
- 3** Shift I-205 east and lower the roadway
 - WHY?** Crews will shift northbound I-205 40 feet to the east to make room for the final bridge pier. Crews will also lower the roadway 8 feet to make sure there is 16 feet of clearance under the new bridge.
 - THE BIG PICTURE:** The realignment is just one piece of the larger congestion relief project.
 - TRAFFIC IMPACT:** I-205 drivers will see daytime lane closures and traffic shifts.
- 4** Complete new Northeast 139th Street interchange
 - WHY?** Completing the interchange is the last step of this four-year, multi-phase construction project.
 - THE BIG PICTURE:** The NE 139th St. bridge will give drivers another option to cross the I-5/I-205 junction, and is the keystone piece of the \$133 million congestion relief project.
 - TRAFFIC IMPACT:** Faster and safer trips, fewer backups and smoother connections to I-5 and I-205.