



Corridor Program

Congestion Relief & Bus Rapid Transit Projects

I-405, Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 Project Complete - October 2007

Crews complete project on-time and on-budget

WSDOT and its design-build contractor, Kiewit Construction, recently completed:

- One new lane in each direction of I-405 between NE 85th and NE 124th Streets;
- Three wetland mitigation sites;
- An improved, fish-passable culvert under I-405 at Forbes Creek;
- Three new noise walls; and
- A wider I-405 bridge over NE 116th Street.

WSDOT and Kiewit signed the construction contract in October of 2005, and recently completed the \$47.5 million project on-schedule and within budget. This is the first completed project in the I-405 Corridor Program paid for by the Washington State Legislature's 2003 Nickel funds.

The Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 project is WSDOT's first step toward completing the comprehensive plan to decrease I-405 congestion and improve travel times. WSDOT is currently widening I-405 in Bellevue and Renton and plans to make additional improvements to I-405 in Kirkland beginning in 2009 with the funded I-405, SR 520 to I-5 Widening project.

What are the project benefits?

- **Congestion relief.** Improves traffic flow in the area known as the "Kirkland Crawl" and improves merging from NE 85th Street to northbound I-405 and from NE 116th Street to southbound I-405.
- **Safety.** Traffic flow improvements help reduce congestion-related collisions such as rear-ends and sideswipes.
- **Environment.** Improves fish passage under I-405 at Forbes Creek, improves wetlands near I-405 at Forbes Lake, and constructs three new noise walls.



The orange area marks the location of the new lanes on I-405



Newly-paved lanes on I-405 through Kirkland