

I-405/SR 167 Corridor Program

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 - Sound Transit CEO Dow Constantine
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- Education & marketing for SR 167 opening
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Introductory remarks

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Program Snapshot



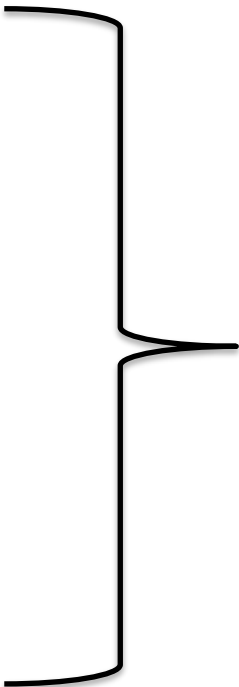
Four projects in active construction



Analyzing direction following legislative session



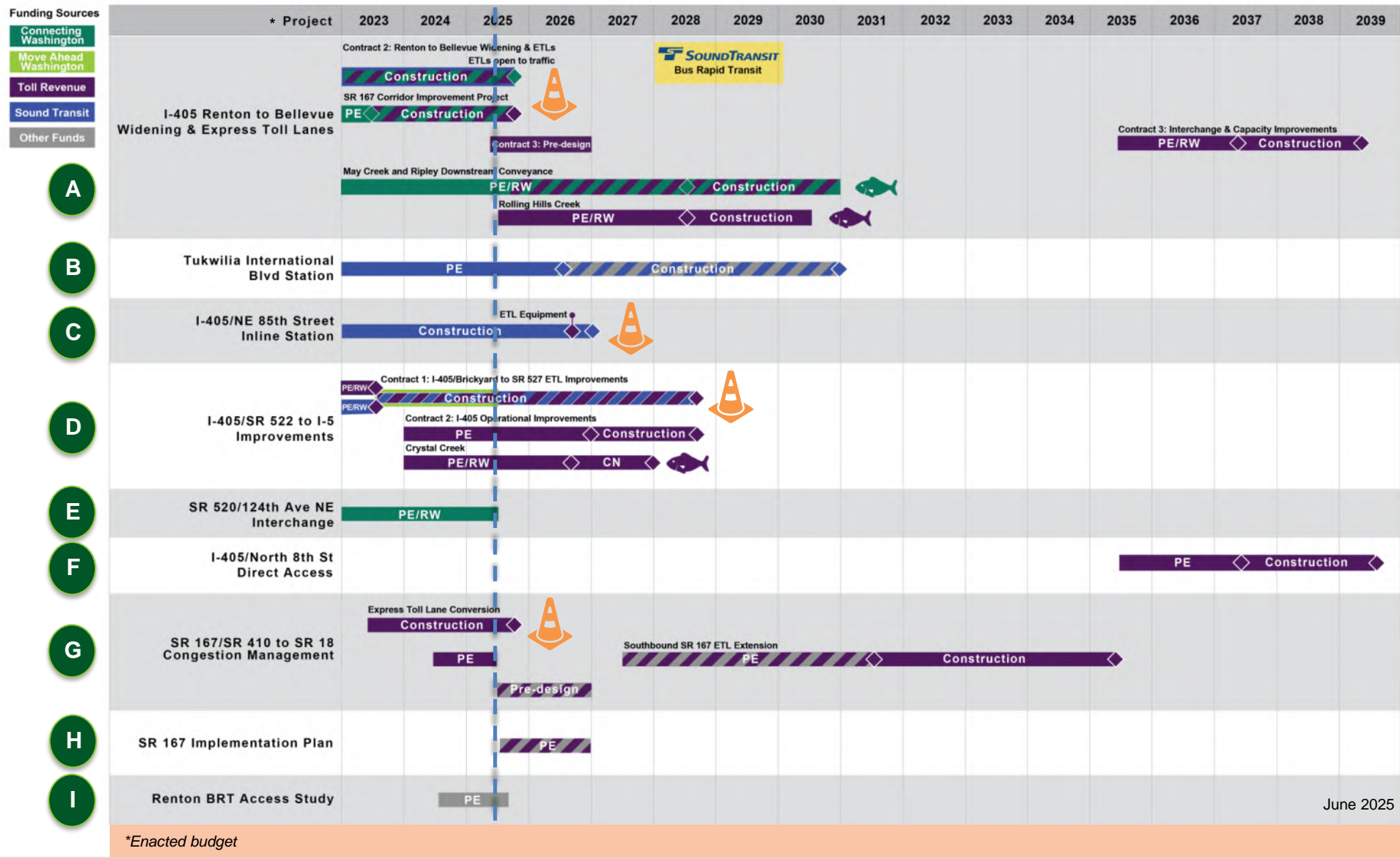
Preparing to initiate 2025-2027 planning efforts



Program Goals

To build a multimodal transportation system along the I-405/SR 167 corridor that reduces congestion and improves mobility, performance, and quality of life.

Program Schedule



2024 Program Budget Needs (Active Construction Projects)

Current Need	23-25	25-27	27-29	Total
RTB ETL (M00900R) A		\$42.6M	\$2.4M	\$45M *
SR 167 CIP (M00900R) G		\$1.1M		\$1.1M
NE 85th I/C (140567H) C		\$1M		\$1M
Brickyard to SR 527 (L2000234) D	\$10M	\$15M	\$22M	\$47M
Totals per biennium	\$10M	\$59.7M	\$24.4M	<u>\$94.1M **</u>

* The \$45M reflects a snapshot in time based on current projected construction delay and status of ongoing litigation

** Does not account for delayed toll revenue due to project delays or any future variations to toll revenue forecasts

2024 Program Budget Needs (Unfunded Needs)

	25-27	27-29	29-32	Total
Ripley Lane Downstream Fish Passage (M00900R) A *	\$5M	\$20M	\$20M	\$45M
Southbound SR 167 ETL Extension (316706C) G				\$220M - \$250M
Totals per biennium	\$5M	\$20M	\$20M	<u>\$265M - \$295M</u>

** Failing culverts addressed in overarching agency fish passage request, ex: Lakehurst crossing in Bellevue*

2025 Legislative Session Outcomes – Transportation Budget

Project		Legislative Amount*
A	Renton to Bellevue	\$45M
A	Ripley Lane Downstream Fish Passage	\$45M
C	NE 85 th St	\$1M
D	Brickyard to SR 527	\$47M
G	SR 167 Corridor Improvements	\$1.1M
G	SR 167 SB ETL Extension <i>(Project was moved out two bienniums)</i>	\$220M <i>(Additional \$7.2M in PSRC grant funds awarded)</i>
H	SR 167 Implementation Plan	\$1.5M <i>(Additional \$1M in PSRC grant funds awarded)</i>
<i>*Additional toll revenue allocations. Further analysis and coordination is required to determine toll revenue capacity.</i>		

Project updates & construction lookahead

Lisa Hodgson, I-405/SR 167 Program Administrator

SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project

Project overview

- Replaces legacy toll system from 2008
- Upgrades SR 167 toll system for customer experience and management consistency
- Adds strategic capacity by constructing a southbound auxiliary lane

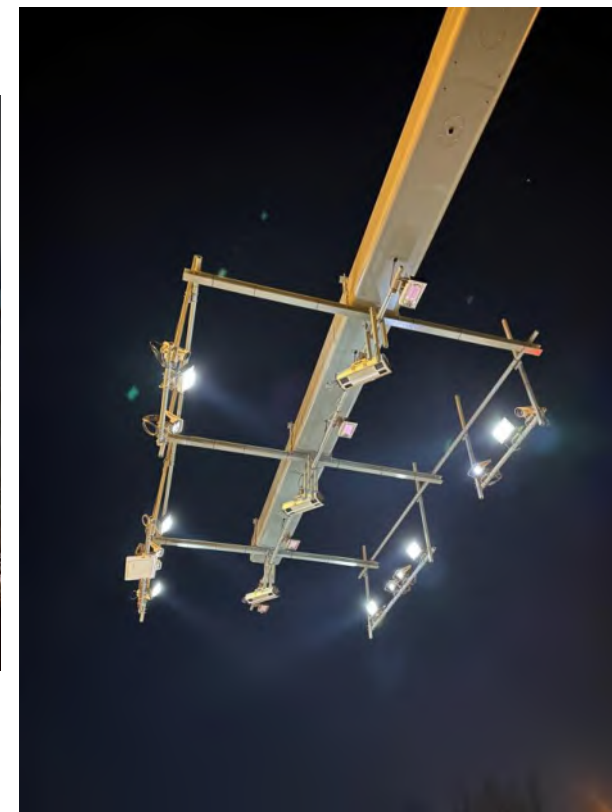
Project schedule

- Started construction in spring 2024
- Toll vendor work underway
- Operationally complete as early as fall 2025

July: up to two consecutive full southbound weekend closures between SR 516 to S 277th St



New toll sign installation for destination pricing







New photo tolling equipment

Funded by:



Renton Rainier BRT Access Study

Engagement 0	Engagement 1	Engagement 2	Public Outreach	Engagement 3
June 2024	December 2024	May 2025	Spring 2025	June/July 2025
Define the Problem	Finalize Metrics & Identify Alternatives	Evaluate Alternatives	Seek Public Feedback	Present Findings

Build 1	Build 2	Build 3	Build 4
Operational and Transit Improvements	Lind Ave Partial Interchange	Median Direct Access	Grady Way Bypass
			
Improvements at Rainier/Grady within the right-of-way	New interchange to/from the west	New ETL median direct access for transit and ML traffic	Grady Way Grade Separation

Funded by:

Other Funds

Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project

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Project overview

- New capacity and interchange improvements
- Dual express toll lane system
- Direct access ramps
 - Northeast 44th Street in Renton
 - 112th Avenue Southeast
- Main Street Bridge replacement
- Bus Rapid Transit infrastructure
- Eastrail segments
- Addresses 10 fish barriers

Project schedule

- Started construction in fall 2020



Construction near Lake Washington Blvd SE and Newport Hills Park-and-Ride.
Orange circle denotes location of future direct access ramps.

Funded by:

Connecting
Washington

Sound Transit

Toll Revenue



Project supports Sound Transit's I-405 BRT

Renton to Bellevue Impactful Work (2025)

The following is a summary of closures that are planned to occur in 2025*

- 1 Renton Avenue South Bridge 🎆 **OPEN** 🎆
- 2 **6/6 – 6/9:** NE 44th West Intersection & **7/18 – 7/21:** NE 44th East Intersection
Weekend full closures:
- 3 **6/13 – 6/16:** Northbound I-405 from Southport Drive to Coal Creek Parkway on-ramp
- 4 **7/11 – 7/14:** Northbound I-405 from SR 169 off-ramp to Southport Drive on-ramp
- 5 **8/1 – 8/4:** Southbound I-405 from Southport Drive off-ramp to Sunset Boulevard/SR 169 on-ramp
- 6 **9/5 – 9/8:** Southbound I-405 from Sunset Boulevard off ramp to SR 167 on-ramp
- 7 **9/12 – 9/15:** Southbound I-405 from Coal Creek Parkway off-ramp to the Southport Drive on-ramp

Visit the [Renton to Bellevue Project website](#) for updates

**Closures dates subject to change*

I-405/NE 85th Street Interchange and Inline Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station Project

Project overview

- Constructs a three-level interchange with BRT station, ETL direct access ramps, and local improvements
- Provides trail, pedestrian, and bike improvements
- Addresses fish barriers

Project schedule

- Started construction in fall 2023
- Operationally complete as early as fall 2026

6/13 – 6/16: NE 85th St off-ramp from southbound I-405 closure

6/27 – 6/30: Northbound I-405 closed from NE 70th St to NE 124th St

7/11 – 7/14: Southbound I-405 closed from NE 70th St to NE 124th St

8/1 – 8/4: NE 85th St on-ramp to northbound I-405 closure

8/22 – 8/25: Southbound I-405 closed from NE 70th St to NE 124th St

9/5 – 9/8: Northbound I-405 closed between NE 70th St and NE 124th St



NE 85th St interchange construction

Funded by:

Sound Transit Toll Revenue



Project supports Sound Transit's I-405 BRT

I-405, Northeast 85th Street Interchange Bridge Demolition



I-405/Brickyard to SR 527 Express Toll Lanes Improvement Project

Project overview

- Extends dual ETLs from SR 522 to SR 527
- Builds direct access ramps with inline stations at SR 522 and SR 527 interchanges
- Connections to urban growth centers and transit nodes
- Provides trail, pedestrian, and bike improvements
- Addresses system preservation and resiliency
- Corrects 6 fish barriers

Project schedule

- Started construction in spring 2024
- Operationally complete as early as summer 2028

October: two weekend I-405 directional closures (TBD)

Funded by:



Prep to set girders across the Sammamish River for new northbound I-405 on-ramp to eastbound SR 522



Pouring fascia on the retaining wall along the east side of I-405



Project supports Sound Transit's I-405 BRT

Work Zone Safety

Work Zone Speed Camera at I-405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project

- Camera was placed on eastbound SR 522 approaching the I-405 interchange after the speed limit changed to 35 MPH
- May move locations within the project limits

For more information:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/work-zone-speed-camera-program>



Work Zone Speed Camera on eastbound SR 522

Difficult summer travel ahead

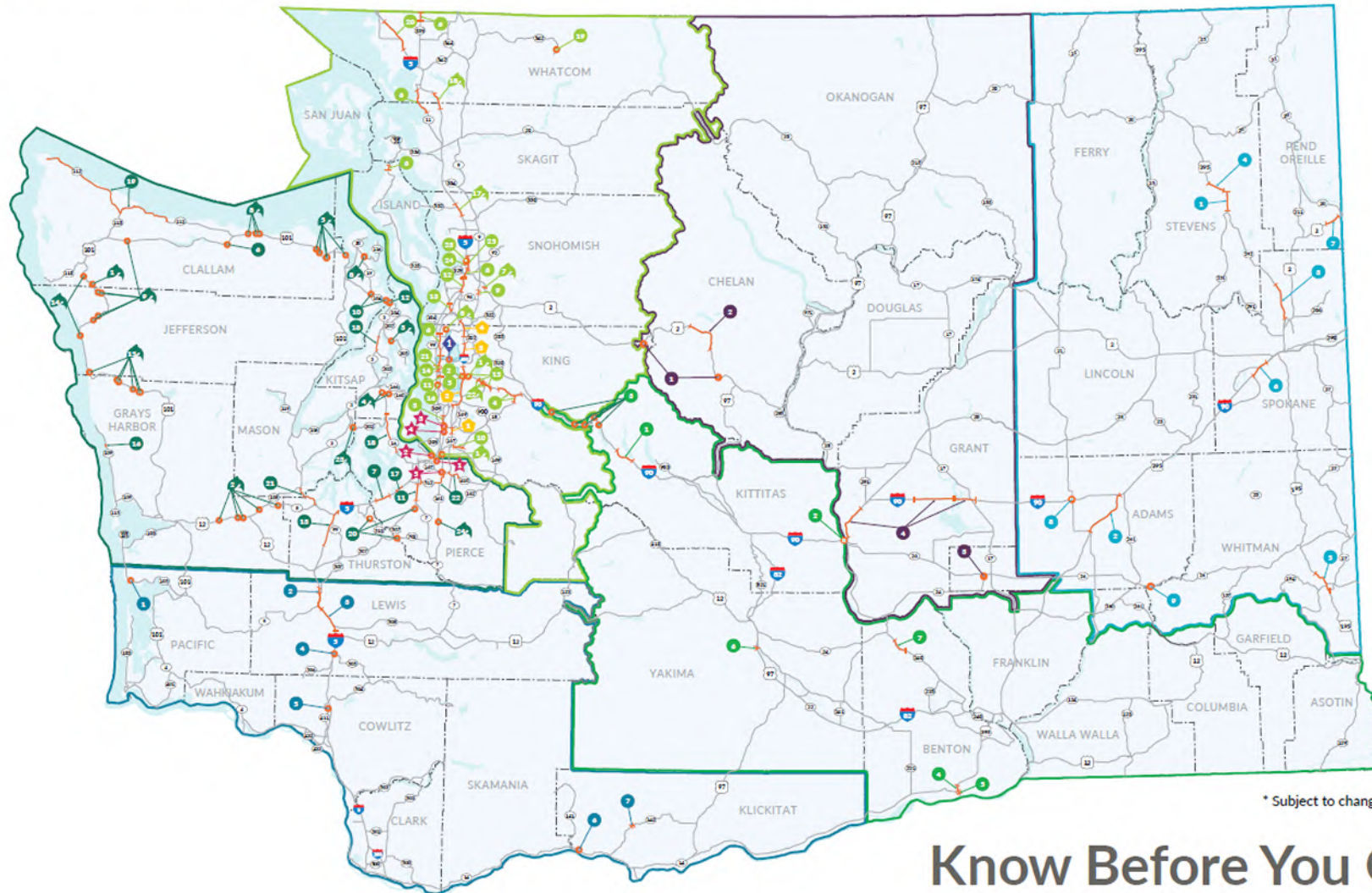
The next several summers will bring a LOT of statewide construction, including multiple projects in nearby locations

- **It will be disruptive**
- We're working hard to lessen impacts where we can, but **travel will be challenging**
- We need everyone to:
 - **Be aware**
 - **Plan ahead**
 - Be prepared for **added congestion** and **longer travel times**



A statewide construction zone

2025 Statewide Construction Map*



* Subject to change

Know Before You Go!

High visibility projects in Seattle

Revive I-5 - Ship Canal Bridge

- **June 20 – 23:** Northbound I-5 reduced to two lanes to prepare for the four-week lane reduction in July-August.
- **July 18 – 21:** Full northbound I-5 closure from I-90 to Northeast 45th Street to set up the work zone for the four-week lane reduction.
- **July 21 – Aug. 15:** Northbound I-5 reduced to two lanes across the Ship Canal Bridge.
- **Aug. 15 – 18:** Full northbound I-5 closure from I-90 to Northeast 45th Street to pick up the work zone.
- **Fall 2025:** Several southbound I-5 weekend-long lane reductions, date to be scheduled.

North/South Strategic Pavement Preservation 23-25

- Repair dozens of highways throughout the region, including pavement repairs on I-5 northbound, southbound and the Express Lanes between Denny Way and Northgate.

SR 99 Tunnel Texturing

- Project will shot-blast and retexture the road surface of both directions of the tunnel to create a higher friction surface. Several nightly lane and full directional closures.

I-90 Paving and Expansion Joint Repair, Mercer Island to Bellevue & Issaquah

- Several projects that repair pavement and bridges on I-90.

Our outreach goal is awareness

Given the number of projects and locations travel will be rough on residents and visitors this summer.

We know delays and closures are frustrating – we drive these roads too.

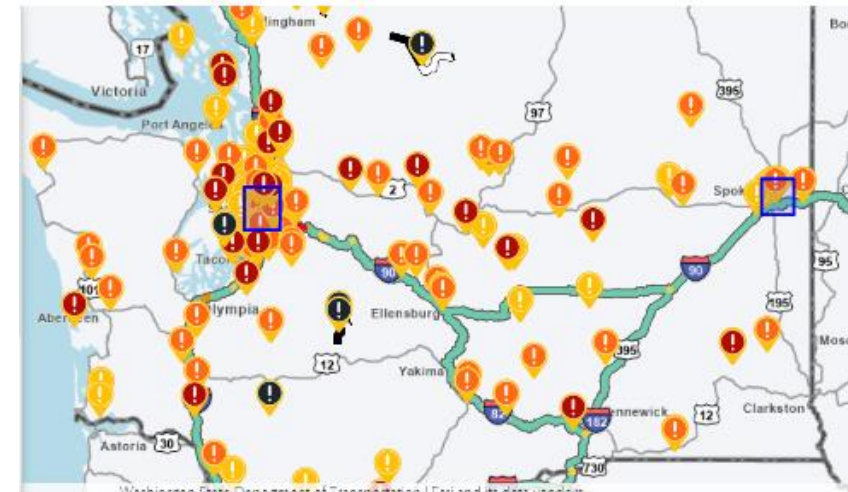
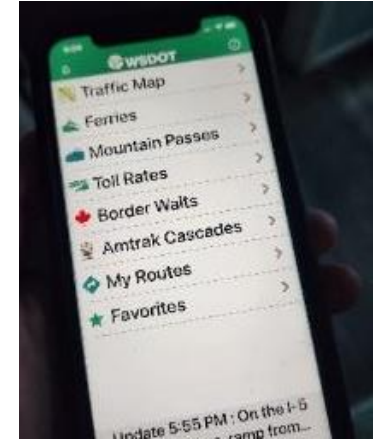
Our goal is to ensure everyone is **aware** of what is coming so they can **make the best travel decisions** for themselves and their situation.



Tools to “know before you go”

This summer more than ever you'll want to “know before you go”

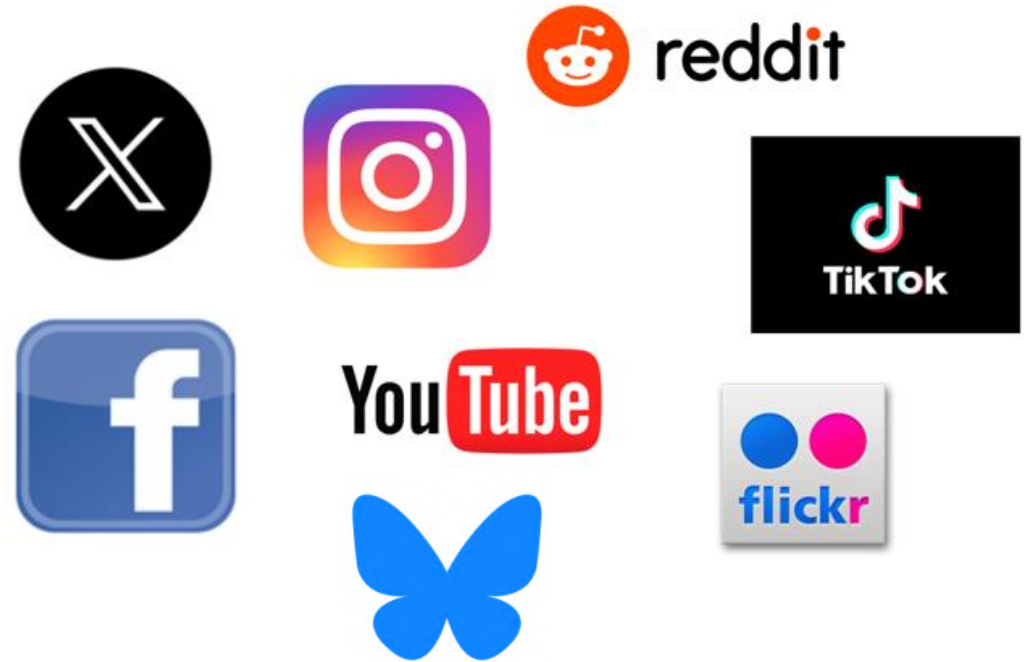
- Real time travel map:
<https://wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/>
- WSDOT App: available for iPhone and Android – search for “WSDOT”
- [News releases](#), project pages, the [WSDOT blog](#)
- Sign up for WSDOT [email Freight Alerts](#)
- Snoqualmie Pass delays text alerts: *text "Start" to the number 85107*



Stay updated on social media

Multiple social media platforms, including:

- [WSDOT BlueSky and X/Twitter accounts](#)
 - Statewide
 - Area specific
 - Snoqualmie Pass account
 - Project specific
- WSDOT statewide [Facebook page](#):
www.facebook.com/WSDOT
- Washington State Ferries specific Facebook and Twitter accounts
 - www.facebook.com/wsferries
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Stride Bus Rapid Transit Program Update

I-405/SR 167 EAG

June 4, 2025



What we'll cover today:

- Agency updates
- Sound Transit's Stride BRT program
 - Overview
 - Stride Fleet and Stations
- Project Update: Stride S1 & S2
- 2025 Look ahead

Sound Transit Updates

Two new stations of the 2 Line in Redmond opened to the Public on May 10, 2025!

- Thousands of people joined us on opening day and enjoyed community activations throughout Redmond
- Up next:
 - 2 Line extension: Cross Lake Connection, South Bellevue to International District Station
 - 1 Line extension: Federal Way
 - Stride Bus Rapid Transit Groundbreakings



Stride Bus Rapid Transit

Opens 2028-2029

S1 Line: Bellevue to Burien

S2 Line: Bellevue to Lynnwood

S3 Line: Shoreline to Bothell

- Connects to Link light rail in Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue and Tukwila
- Limited-stop service in the I-405, SR 522 and SR 518 corridors



Stride Fleet and Stations

- All-electric fleet procured
 - First buses arrive Summer 2026
- State of the art passenger information
- Bicycle accommodations: front racks on the bus & storage at select stations
- Charging infrastructure installation begins summer 2025



S1 & S2 (I-405)



Double-deck electric buses for highway service

S3 (SR 522)



Articulated battery electric buses for shorter arterial route

Stride Travel Times

Capital improvements allow for fast, frequent, reliable service

S1 Line Bellevue–Burien: 17 miles, 5 stations

ST Express (existing) 57 MIN

Project to be built 38-42 MIN

S2 Line Lynnwood–Bellevue: 20 miles, 7 stations

ST Express (existing) 57 MIN

Project to be built 33-38 MIN

S3 Line Shoreline–Bothell: 9 miles, 13 stations

No improvements 54-59 MIN

Project to be built 35-39 MIN



Program status

Capital program:

- Design nearing 100% overall
- Right of way acquisition underway

Partnerships (WSDOT & others)

- Underway (\$650m+ ST Investment)
- Construction complete (~\$30m)
- TIBS In-line station advancing

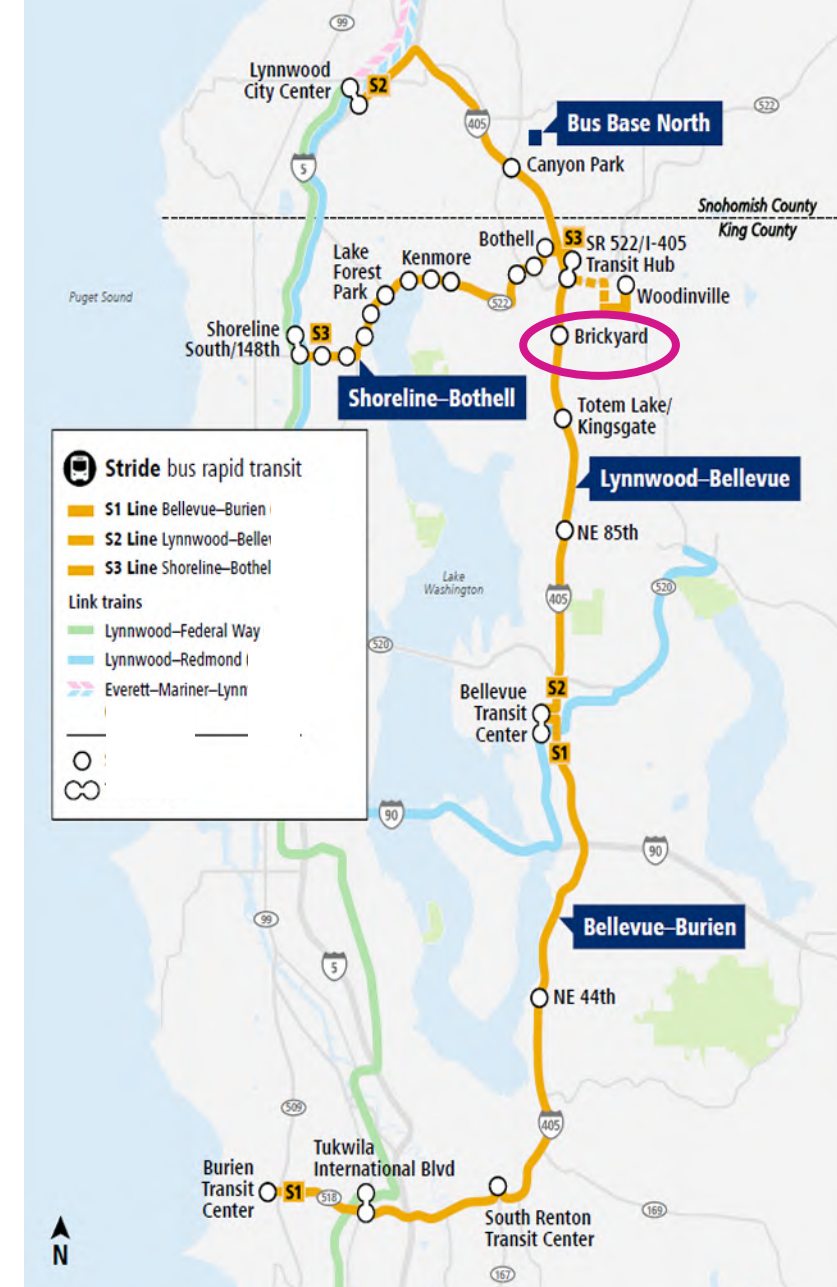
2025 procurements:

- Bus Base North construction awarded
- S3 construction (multiple contracts)



Brickyard Inline Station

Under Construction!



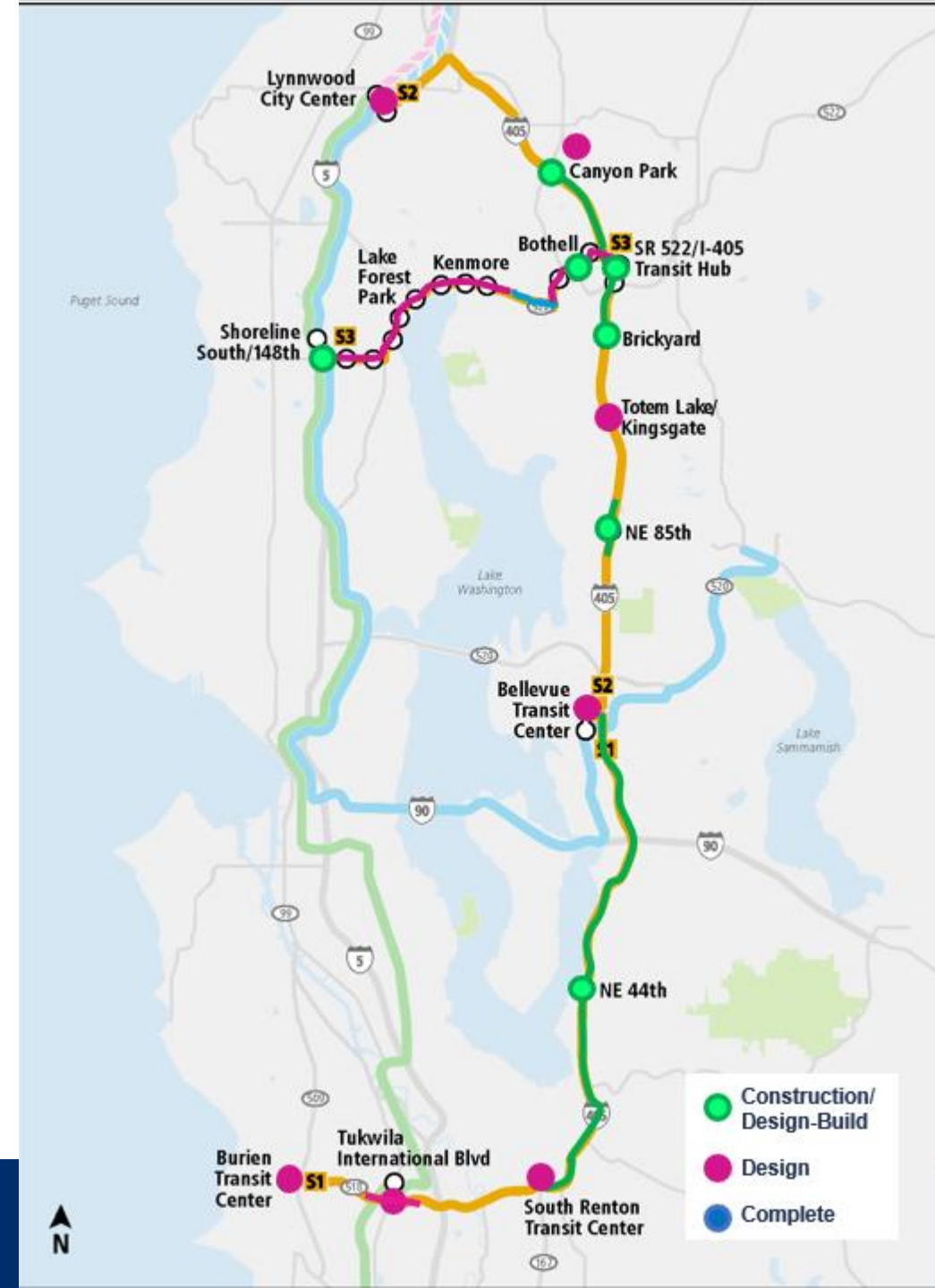
NE 85th Inline Station

Under Construction!



2025 Look Ahead

- **Complete Final Design:**
 - Bus Base North awarded
 - Remaining S1 and S2 (I-405 BRT): Q4 2024 – Q4 2025
- **Advertise for Construction:**
 - S1: Renton Transit Center 2025
 - S3 Bothell-Kenmore: 2025
 - S3 Lake Forest Park: 2025
- **Under Contract:**
- Bus Base North
 - Brickyard-527 project
 - NE 85th
 - NE 44th



Questions?



SR 167 Express Toll Lanes Pay By Mail Rate Setting Overview

Carl See

Deputy Director

Washington State Transportation
Commission

SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project

- Introduces Pay By Mail payment option for users of the SR 167 express toll lanes without a *Good To Go!* account.
- Enables destination-based tolling for the SR 167 express toll lanes, instead of tolls set at the same rate for the full corridor.
- Converts a 6-mile segment of the current northbound SR 167 HOV lane to an express toll lane between Sumner and Pacific.

SR 167 Pay By Mail Toll Rate

In preparation for the launch of Pay By Mail as an option on the SR 167 ETLs, the Transportation Commission issued its proposal to implement a \$2.00 Pay By Mail toll rate and gather public comment.

- The \$2.00 Pay By Mail toll rate is the same for all tolled facilities.
- Revenue from the Pay By Mail toll rate supports cost recovery.

Next Steps in the Toll Setting Process

- Public comment on the proposed toll rate will be collected through June 10.
- A final public hearing will be held on June 17 at which time the Commission is expected to adopt the change.
- The SR 167 ETL Pay By Mail toll rate will take effect by December 2025, coincident with the completion of the SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project.

Thank You!

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Education and marketing for SR 167 opening

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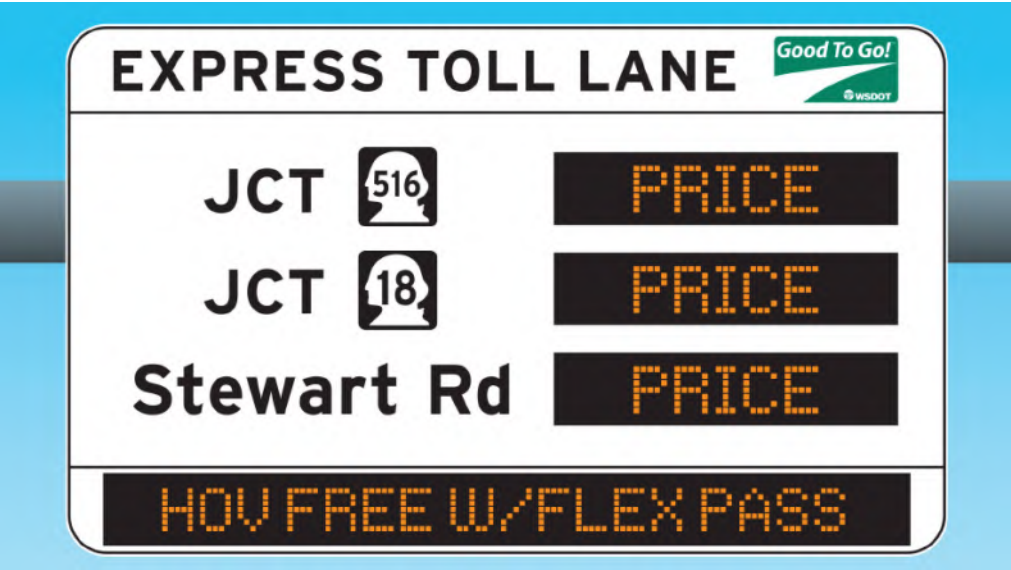
Changes to SR 167 Express Toll Lanes (ETLs)



Map of future SR 167 express toll lanes corridor

Upcoming/proposed changes:

- Pay By Mail payment option – drivers will no longer need a *Good To Go!* account to use the SR 167 express toll lanes (HOT lanes).
 - \$2 Pay By Mail rate (*Good To Go!* toll rate + \$2 for Pay By Mail) for the SR 167 express toll lanes advanced by WSTC as preferred option.
 - \$2 Pay By Mail rate is consistent with all other toll roads in Washington.
 - HOV and motorcycles will need a Flex Pass/motorcycle pass to use the lanes toll-free.
- Destination-based pricing; drivers will pay a toll rate based on where they exit the lanes.
- Conversion of nearly 6 miles of NB HOV lane between Sumner and Pacific to an express toll lane.



Example of rate sign showing destination-based pricing on SR 167 express toll lanes

SR 167 Incentive Program

- Free Flex Passes and motorcycle passes will be available prior to SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project go-live.
- Current HOV and motorcycle users of SR 167 can claim free pass, open *Good To Go!* account for free (using Pay As You Go payment option), and continue to use the express toll lanes toll-free.
- WSDOT Toll Division will emphasize/prioritize incentive program awareness as part of educational campaign.



*Above: a motorcycle pass being installed
Left: a Flex Pass set to HOV mode*

Educational Campaign

Advertising

- Campaign will feature animated video, radio/print/digital/out-of-home ads, translated content.
- GoodToGo167.com project webpage featuring important messages such as incentive program information
- Campaign estimated to begin mid-September 2025, run for approximately 2 months

Earned media/other efforts

- News releases, blogs, media availabilities centered around key milestones
- Summer fairs/festival outreach at various events in travel shed
- Direct outreach to current SR 167 HOT lane users

Messaging examples

- Drivers who use the SR 167 ETLs without a *Good To Go!* account will be charged/receive a bill in the mail at the higher Pay By Mail rate
- To travel toll-free, HOV and motorcycle users will need a *Good To Go!* account and appropriate pass installed on vehicle.
- NB HOV-lane between Sumner and Pacific converted to an ETL



Above: Toll Division Director Ed Barry at a media availability for SR 99 tunnel; Toll Division outreach booth

2025 – 2027 planning efforts

Lisa Hodgson, I-405/SR Program Administrator

2025 – 2027 Planning Efforts

Pre-design

- Assess baseline scope need and objectives
- Emphasis on partner engagement and collaborative decision making

SR 167 Implementation Plan

- Next step following adoption of SR 167 Master Plan in 2023
- Includes preliminary engineering, traffic analysis, and cost estimating
- Helps inform future funding and phasing strategy
- Report to legislature due by December 2026

Next Steps - 2025

Summer

- WSDOT preparation for pre-design and SR 167 Implementation Plan workshops
- IWG & EAC meetings

Fall

- Pre-design and SR 167 Implementation Plan workshops
- Financial planning
- IWG and EAG meetings

Wrap-up and questions