

Diversity and Inclusive Contracting

Quarterly Progress Report: October–December 2024

Megaprograms

Continuing our successful partnerships



Ron Pate, Acting Assistant Secretary of Urban Mobility, Access and Megaprograms

My name is Ron Pate, and I am honored to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Urban Mobility, Access and Megaprograms following Julie Meredith's appointment as the Secretary of Transportation. I have been with WSDOT for over 30 years, serving most recently as Program Administrator for the Cascadia High-Speed Rail and I-5 Program, our newest megaprogram. Prior to that, I served as Director of the Rail, Freight and Ports Division.

As I step into this role, I look forward to building on the excellent work that Julie led in fostering a diverse workforce and creating inclusive contracting opportunities across our programs and projects. I understand and value the close relationships we have built over many years with our community partners. I remain committed to working closely with our partners and continuing to create opportunities for small businesses and firms owned by minorities, women and veterans.

While 2025 is already in full swing, I wanted to highlight some of the great work we accomplished together last year. The **I-405/SR 167 Program** celebrated the completion of the I-405/Northeast 132nd Street Interchange Project and broke ground on the I-405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project. The **SR 520 Program** celebrated the groundbreaking of the Portage Bay Bridge and Roanoke Lid project – the final major project in the SR 520 corridor, as well as the grand opening of the new bike and pedestrian bridge over SR 520 as part of the Montlake Project. The **Puget Sound Gateway** team reached a major milestone with the SR 167 Completion Project Stages 2a and 2b moving forward with procurement, representing the final remaining major projects as part of the Program. Finally, the **Cascadia High-Speed Rail and I-5 Program** advanced work to develop the I-5 Master Plan and secured a federal grant to advance high-speed rail planning.

It was a busy year, and I'm thankful to all of the dedicated teams and partners that helped make this work possible.

SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

Prime contractor, Graham, is almost finished with the \$455 million Montlake Project. So far, Graham has worked with 71 MSVWBE companies and made nearly \$94 million in subcontractor payments. Crews have put the final touches on the 1.25-mile eastbound bridge over Union Bay, opened direct access ramps in Montlake for HOV and transit and reconfigured Montlake Boulevard. The three-acre highway lid improves green space and connectivity, while a new tunnel under Montlake Boulevard and a bike and pedestrian bridge over SR 520 link the Washington Arboretum to the Montlake neighborhood and University District.

Walsh Construction, the prime contractor on the \$68 million SR 520/I-5 Express Lanes Connection Project, has hired 27 MSVWBE and made about \$19.5 million in payments. Crews have finished constructing the retaining walls, advanced the northbound HOV ramp at Mercer Street and built the flyover ramp connecting SR 520 to the I-5 Express Lanes.

On the \$1.375 billion Portage Bay Project, prime contractor Skanska has partnered with 18 MSVWBE, making over \$4 million in payments so far. Since breaking ground in August 2024, crews have installed 70 in-water piles for two temporary work trestles, laying the groundwork for building the new bridges and removing the old one.



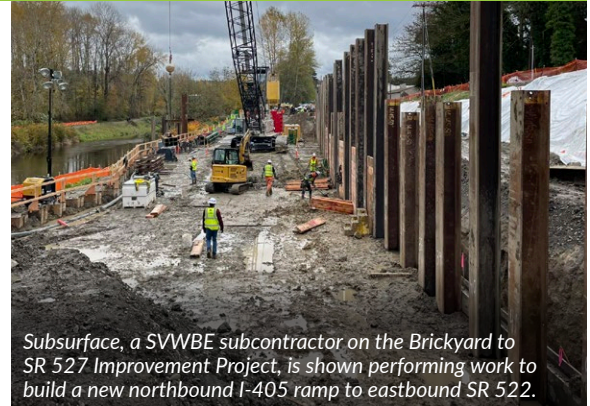
Community members celebrate the new bike and pedestrian bridge in Montlake during the grand opening on Dec. 14.



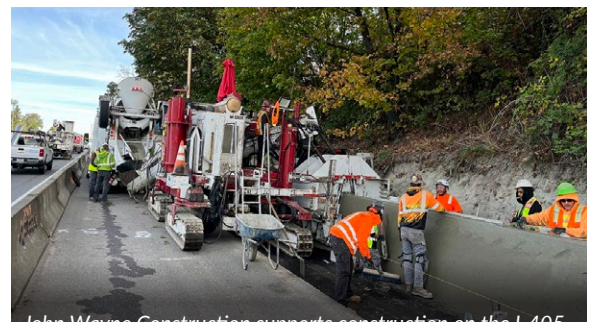
This November 2024 photo shows construction of a trestle on the north side of the existing Portage Bay Bridge.

I-405/SR 167 Corridor Program

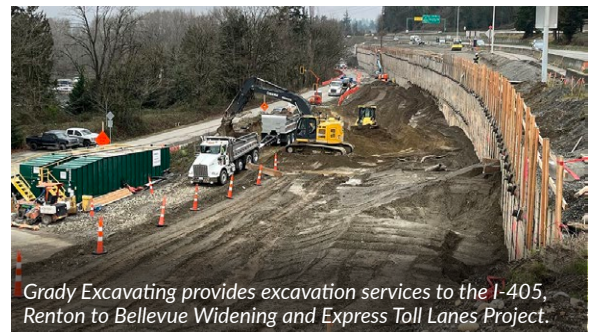
In 2024, the I-405/SR 167 Program paid \$158,677,028 to small businesses and firms owned by minorities, women or veterans. The program employed 172 firms that are certified as a small business or a minority, woman or veteran owned business. 2024 was the biggest year of construction in the program's history, with nearly 40 of 50 miles undergoing work across five major projects. Crews on the Northeast 132nd Street Interchange Project in Kirkland wrapped up final construction activities in 2024, resulting in a new on-ramp to northbound I-405 and a new off-ramp from southbound I-405 (known as a half-diamond interchange) that will provide congestion relief, bike/ped enhancements and address an injunction fish passage barrier. WSDOT and contractors with the design-builder Flatiron Lane Joint Venture continue to make construction progress on the Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project. Work is progressing with nearly 10 miles of visible construction, including significant progress made around the Northeast 44th Street interchange. As part of this work, crews shifted all lanes of I-405 on to what will be the new northbound I-405 bridge near Northeast 44th Street and construction of the new southbound lanes are well underway. Heavy construction work will continue over the next year. Crews with Graham continue construction on the predominately Sound Transit-funded Northeast 85th Street Interchange and Inline Bus Rapid Transit Station. Most recently the contractor completed girder placement to support the new southbound and northbound bridges. Skanska began substantial construction on the Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project in May 2024. There is major construction at the SR 522 interchange that includes establishing a work zone to start early fish passage work and significant underground work to widen into the hillside on the east of I-405 to accommodate the new direct access at SR 522 with I-405. Northrup Constructors began major construction work on the SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project in May 2024 and made substantial construction progress this past summer. Over the past year construction has been focused on underground work for sign structures and toll gantries.



Subsurface, a SVWBE subcontractor on the Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project, is shown performing work to build a new northbound I-405 ramp to eastbound SR 522.



John Wayne Construction supports construction on the I-405, Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project.



Grady Excavating provides excavation services to the I-405, Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project.

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Both SR 509 and SR 167 completion projects continue to reach project defining construction milestones with more than \$122 million awarded to 101 DBE/MSVWBE firms supporting the delivery. Working with the project's Prime contractor, Atkinson Construction, the SR 509 Stage 1b project excavated thousands of cubic yards of dirt from under I-5 South at the SR 516 interchange, completed the placement of tunnel rings and back filled for Veteran's Drive tunnel. Now the project is in its final stages, with fire protection and other tunnel finishing activities occurring in early 2025. SR 509 Stage 2 continues collaboration with Prime contractor, Atkinson Construction. This project is still in the design phase, while construction began on South 160th interchange started in November 2024. Major construction will start in spring 2025 where Atkinson will be doing earthwork, utility relocation, as well as working on several bridges and retaining walls. Barnes Creek wetland



DBE Subsurface Construction setting girders on bridge 8, span 1, were set for the new SR 167 crossing of SR 509.

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WSDOT contracting opportunities in 2025 and beyond

I-405/SR 167 Corridor Program: The I-405/SR 167 Program encourages MSVWBE firms to contact project inclusion managers to learn about ongoing and upcoming opportunities. Firms interested in opportunities on the Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project and the Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project should contact Danica Mason, Inclusion Manager, at danica@redteam-go.com or 206-947-1992. Regarding upcoming subcontracting opportunities on the Northeast 85th Street Interchange and Inline BRT Station Project, interested firms are encouraged to reach out to Suzanne Arkle, Inclusion Manager, at suzanne@zanninc.com or 720-324-8580. Regarding upcoming subcontracting opportunities on the SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project, interested firms are encouraged to contact Vicky Schiantarelli, Inclusion Manager, at vicky@schiantarelliassociates.com or 206-369-6740. Firms with questions about other projects or opportunities on the program should contact Angela Battle, I-405/SR 167 Program Inclusion Manager, at Angela.Battle@consultant.wsdot.wa.gov or 206-550-3454.

SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program: We expect to complete construction for both the Montlake Project and the SR 520/I-5 Express Lanes Connection Project by early 2025. The Portage Bay Bridge and Roanoke Lid Project, led by prime contractor Skanska, kicked off in late 2024. Like other SR 520 projects, it has MSVWBE goals but also includes mandatory diversity goals: 3% for veteran-owned businesses and 5% for small businesses.

In the first quarter of 2025, Skanska plans to release a variety of bid packages, including precast concrete barriers, concrete flatwork, asphalt paving, waterline installation, drainage structures, signage, permanent striping, rebar, bearings, equipment rental and electrical work. For current plans and specifications, visit the Portage Bay Plan Room at bit.ly/PortageBayPlanRoom. To learn more, contact Jerry Iniguez, Skanska VP of Operations, at geraldo.iniguez@skanska.com or Suzanne Arkle, Skanska Inclusion Manager, at suzanne@zanninc.com.

Puget Sound Gateway Program Current Projects:

SR 167, I-5 to SR 509–New Expressway Project (Stage 1b) The project began construction in July 2022 and includes constructing a new two-mile portion of the SR 167 corridor extending from I-5 in Fife, WA to the existing SR 509 in Tacoma and multiple bridges. Three new interchanges will be constructed as part of the Project. The Design-Builder, Guy F. Atkinson Construction, is engaging DBE firms in support of this \$376 million contract and the 15 percent design and 21 percent construction DBE participation goals. DBE firms are encouraged to contact DBE Manager, Marivic “Viki” Bamba-Chennault at 415-214-4565 or marivic.chennault@atkn.com.

SR 509, 24th Avenue South to South 188th Street–New Expressway Project (Stage 2) WSDOT executed the construction contract with Atkinson in December 2023 with Notice to Proceed in February 2024. The Project scope includes constructing the remaining two miles of the new four-lane SR 509 Expressway, a new southbound I-5 auxiliary lane, five new bridges, two new noise walls, retaining walls and reconfiguring two SR 509 interchanges. Atkinson is interested in adding more DBE firms to their team on this \$479 million contract with 15 percent DBE design participation and 22 percent DBE construction participation goals. DBE firms are encouraged to contact DBE Manager, Marivic “Viki” Bamba-Chennault at 415-214-4565 or marivic.chennault@atkn.com.

SR 167, SR 161 to SR 410–Rebuild Interchange Project (Stage 2a) The SR 167 2a contract was awarded to Atkinson on August 29, 2024, with a Notice to Proceed in October 2024 and Notice to Proceed for Construction anticipated in March 2025. The Design-Builder, Guy F. Atkinson Construction, is engaging DBE firms in support of this \$178 million contract and the 14 percent design and 20 percent construction DBE participation goals. DBE firms are encouraged to contact DBE Manager, Marivic “Viki” Bamba-Chennault at 415-214-4565 or marivic.chennault@atkn.com.

Puget Sound Gateway Program Upcoming Projects:

SR 167, I-5 to SR 161–New Expressway Project (Stage 2b) The Project will build SR 167 between the Puyallup Recreation Center and I-5, complete the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) at I-5, build eight new bridges, a new half-interchange at Valley Avenue, complete the DDI at SR 161/North Meridian, build the rest of the spuyaləpabš Trail that is within WSDOT right of way, weigh-in-motion and weigh station inspection facility, tolling infrastructure, and perform 90 acres of wetland mitigation and restoration. WSDOT received approval from the Capital Projects Review Board on January 26, 2024, to utilize Progressive Design Build, the last construction project that will complete the SR 167 Completion project. The shortlisted submitters were announced late December 2025, and the Request for Proposal will be released in early January 2025. These teams are Atkinson/Jacobs and Kreamer-Scarsella Joint Venture. The estimated contract range is \$375-475 million, with 14 percent design and 20 percent construction DBE goals. We anticipate issuing Notice to Proceed for design (Phase 1) in July 2025 and Notice to Proceed for Construction (Phase 2) in January 2026.

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mitigation landscaping and environmental rehabilitation was completed in 2024, which included invasive species removal, planting native plants, and installing temporary irrigation. There will be ongoing monitoring and regular inspections.

The SR 167 Stage 1b project completed nine of the project’s 20 bridges, continued and started construction on 8 bridges including setting girders for the new SR 167 bridge over I-5, and completed the SR 167 Expressway bridge over 12th Street East. Environmental enhancement projects include Hylebos Creek and Surprise Lake Tributary restoration; stream excavation, placement of large woody materials (LWMs), continued defishing efforts, and planting of native species occurred in 2024. Roughly 1300 feet of new Hylebos Creek Channel between SR 99 and I-5, 2700 feet of new Surprise Lake Tributary main channel, and 7200 feet of side channels was constructed in 2024. The project area was enhanced to restore the creek and adjoining waterways, which includes adding curves, islands, and woody debris with more than 100 logs. Stage 2a was awarded to Atkinson Construction in August and construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2025. Stage 2b is the first non-fish passage progressive design-build project for WSDOT, its shortlisted submitters were announced in December 2024 and the RFP will be released in January 2025.



Burien area residents attend a public open house in February 2025.

The Gateway Program encourages DBE/MSVWBE firms to contact Project DBE Program Administrators to learn about ongoing and upcoming opportunities.

Megaprograms

Number of MSVWBE and DBE firms for each Megaprogram

All programs are working to meet their voluntary and mandatory goals for MSVWBE and DBE participation. The chart at right shows the total number of current and past MSVWBE and DBE firms contracted on each program. Please refer to the individual program reports for more information about MSVWBE and DBE participation.

I-405/SR 167 Program

21 PGM&E*
 357 Construction

378

SR 520 Program

28 PGM&E*
 171 Construction

195 (Four firms worked in both design and construction)

Puget Sound Gateway Program

28 PGM&E*
 73 Construction

97 (Four firms worked in both design and construction)

*PGM&E = Program management and engineering

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