

I-405/SR 167 Corridor Program

Executive Advisory Group

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductory remarks, Secretary of Transportation Julie Meredith
- Leg session preparation
- 2025 construction recap & project updates
- Changes to SR 167 managed lanes
- Stride Bus Rapid Transit Program update
- Planning efforts
- Next steps

Introductory remarks

Julie Meredith, WSDOT Secretary of Transportation

Leg session preparation

Lisa Hodgson, WSDOT I-405/SR 167 Program Administrator

I-405/SR 167 Program budget

- No funding request for 2026 leg session
- Work is ongoing to assess toll revenue capacity from 2025 leg session allocations
- Update to I-405/SR 167 Program Financial Plan anticipated in late-2026

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>

*Additional toll revenue allocations. Further analysis and coordination is required to determine toll revenue capacity.

Slide from previous EAG meeting outlining previous leg session outcomes

2025 construction recap & project updates

Lisa Hodgson, WSDOT I-405/SR 167 Program Administrator

Brickyard to SR 527 Express Toll Lanes Improvement Project

Project schedule

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

Key construction progress:

- Started construction of new Brickyard Station
- Hillside retaining walls completed near I-405/SR 522 interchange. Over 3,500 feet of retaining walls now complete project-wide.
- Opened new bridge from northbound I-405 off-ramp to eastbound SR 522
- Constructing final stage of Par Creek fish passage, started work on North Fork Perry Creek & Juanita Creek fish passages
- Performed traffic shifts to create new work zone near SR 527/Canyon Park
- Installed and began operating two new signals on SR 522



New bridge deck over Sammamish River near Woodinville Drive



Retaining walls anchored to the surrounding soil using steel rods

Funded by:

Toll Revenue Move Ahead Washington Sound Transit



Project supports Sound Transit's I-405 BRT



Aerial view of I-405/SR 522 interchange looking southeast



View of new traffic signals on SR 522 looking west

Funded by:

Toll Revenue Move Ahead Washington Sound Transit

Ramp removal area



To continue progress at the I-405/SR 522 interchange, crews need to remove the previous northbound I-405 flyover ramp to eastbound and westbound SR 522.



Structures to remove



New structures

Funded by:

Toll Revenue

Move Ahead
Washington

Sound Transit

NE 85th St Interchange and Inline Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station Project



Project schedule

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

Key construction progress:

- Significant excavation at the NE 85th Street interchange level
- Completed new I-405 foundations
- Placed girders to support new mainline northbound and southbound bridge decks and opened them to traffic
- Constructed six new bridges
- Completed several utility relocations



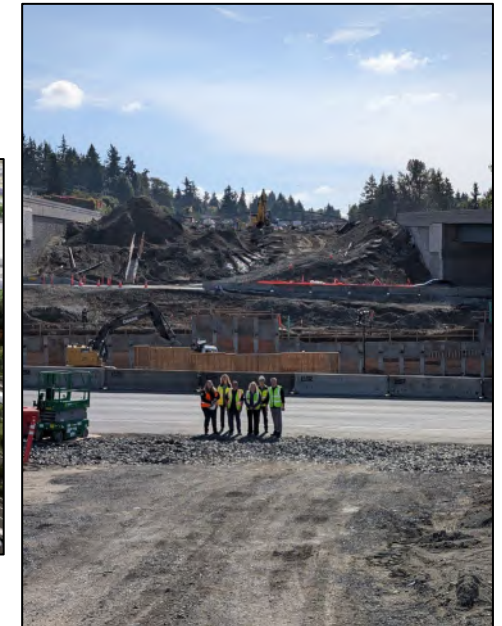
Excavation under new bridge decks



Aerial view looking west



Rendering of final interchange design



Site visit w/Deputy Mayor Arnold

Funded by:

Sound Transit Toll Revenue



Project supports Sound Transit's I-405 BRT

Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project

Project schedule

- Started construction in fall 2020
- Summer 2027 – forecasted opening to traffic

Key construction progress:

- Shifted traffic at various locations to open median work zones over multiple weekend closures in the summer and fall
- Completed lengthening of the Renton Ave. Bridge
- Completed regrading of the Northeast 44th Street east intersection and installed a new roundabout
- Completed southbound bridge deck over Northeast 44th St.
- Completed Sunset Ave. bridge extension and shifted traffic to the extension
- Paved 75,000 tons of asphalt



Crews installed a new roundabout at NE 44th St and Lake Washington Blvd the weekend of July 19



Aerial view of NE 44th interchange looking north

Funded by:

Connecting Washington Sound Transit Toll Revenue





Aerial view of construction at I-405 and Lake Washington Blvd near the Newport Hills Park-and-Ride looking north



Aerial view of I-405 looking north showing work transitioning to the median

Funded by:
Connecting Washington Sound Transit Toll Revenue

Tukwila International Blvd Station Project

Project overview

- Adds inline BRT station
- New pedestrian bridge spanning SR 518
- New stream crossing structure

Project schedule

- RFQ target: 2026



Funded by:

Sound Transit Other Funds

SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project



Project schedule

- Started construction in spring 2024
- SR 167 toll upgrades online and new rules took effect on **October 20!**

Key construction progress:

- *Constructed the tolling power and communications infrastructure on SR 167*
- *Drilled and poured 66 sign structure foundations*
- *Installed over 8,000 linear feet of new guardrail*
- *Set sign bridge and toll gantry structures*
- *Replaced bridge joints and resurfaced the Green River Bridge*
- *Opened new auxiliary lane between SR 516 and S 277th St in Kent*

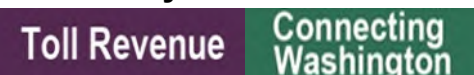


New toll sign for destination pricing in test mode



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Funded by:

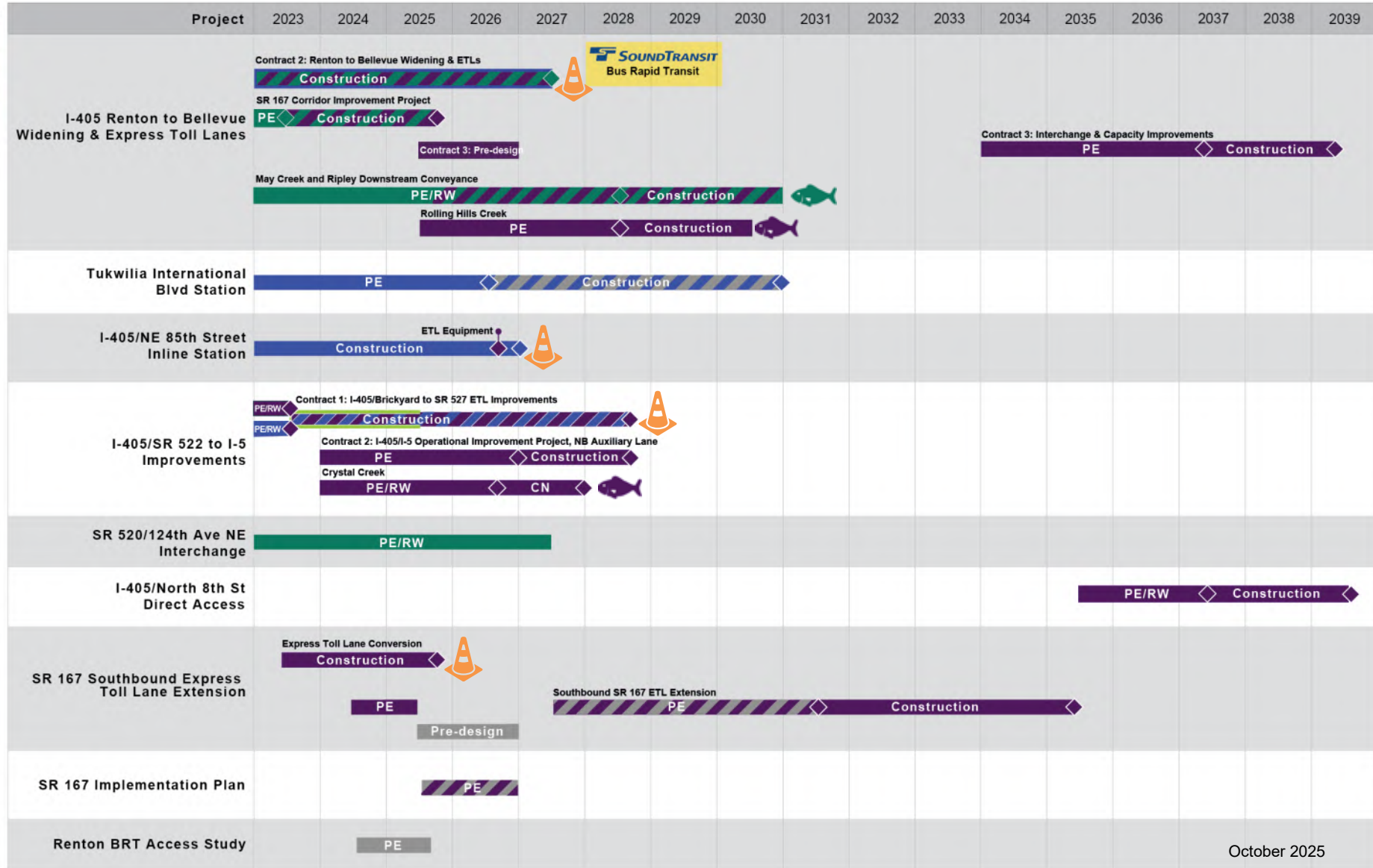


Program schedule

Funding Sources

- Connecting Washington
- Move Ahead Washington
- Toll Revenue
- Sound Transit
- Other Funds

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Changes to SR 167 managed lanes

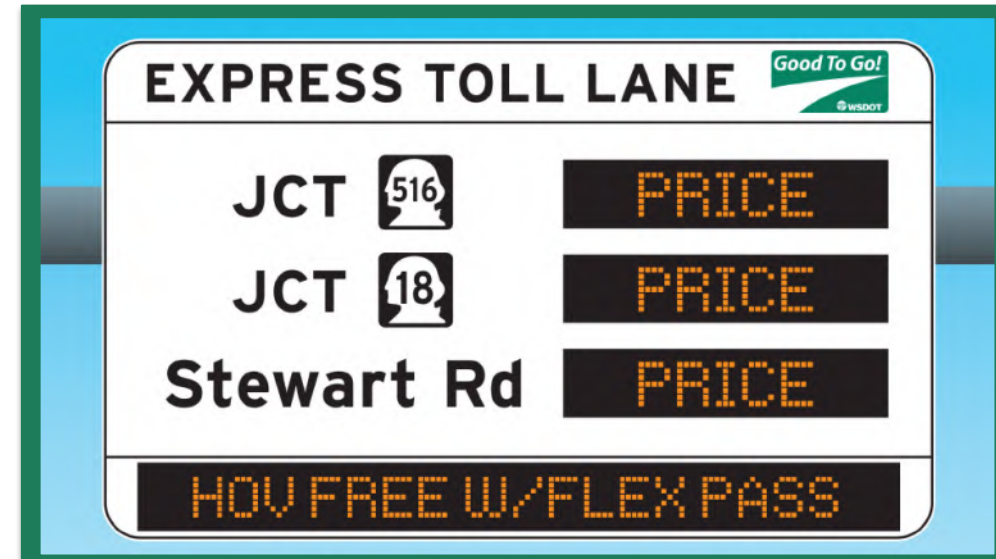
Ed Barry, WSDOT Toll Division Director

New rules for SR 167 express toll lanes

- Carpools and motorcycles will need a *Good To Go!* account and a Flex Pass set to HOV mode (or a motorcycle pass) to continue to ride for free. Otherwise, they'll receive a bill in the mail.
- Pay By Mail payment option – drivers will no longer need a *Good To Go!* account to use the SR 167 express toll lanes (Pay By Mail rate is *Good To Go!* rate plus \$2).
- Destination-based pricing; drivers will pay a toll rate based on where they exit the lanes.
- Lane striping similar to I-405 express toll lanes: dashed line for open access, double white line that restrict crossing.
- Toll rates, carpool passenger requirements are not changing at this time.



Toll gantry showing updated tolling equipment



Example of toll rate sign with destination-based pricing

Why are things changing?

Aging equipment

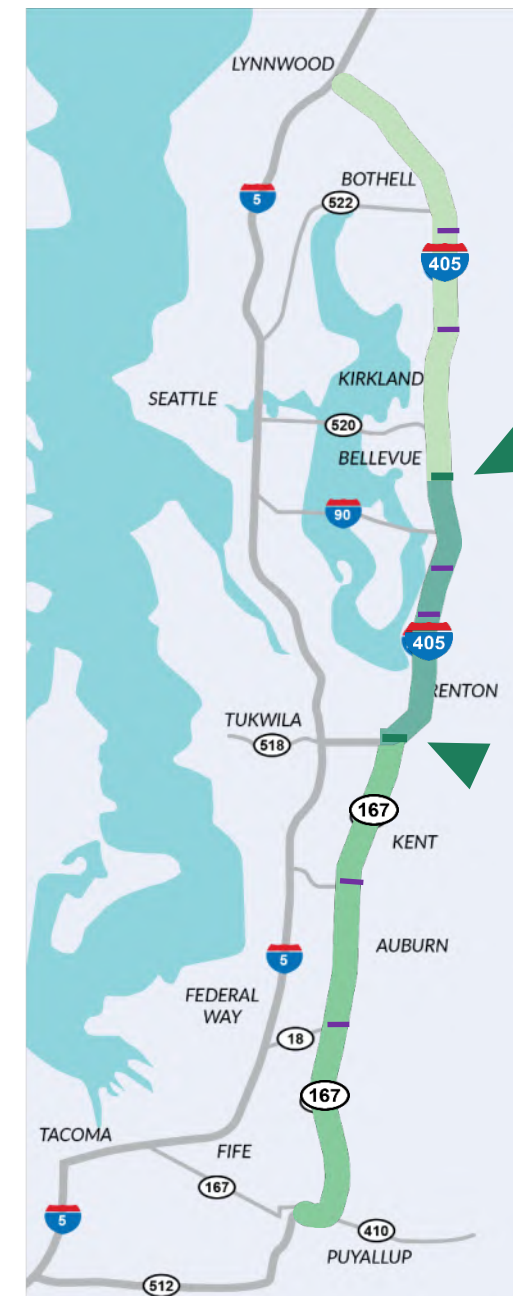
- The equipment was originally installed in 2008 as part of a pilot program.
- Technologies have evolved, and we've learned more about how to run managed lanes and understand what equipment is a better fit for system.

Customer familiarity

- Currently the only facility where drivers must have a *Good To Go!* pass to use the lanes legally. It doesn't allow for drivers to make a choice in the moment whether the toll is worth it for their trip.

Connecting facilities:

- Once I-405 Renton To Bellevue express toll lanes are online it will create a 50-mile managed lane corridor.
- Rules need to be consistent for drivers who may use the tolled lanes on three separate facilities without ever leaving the left lane.

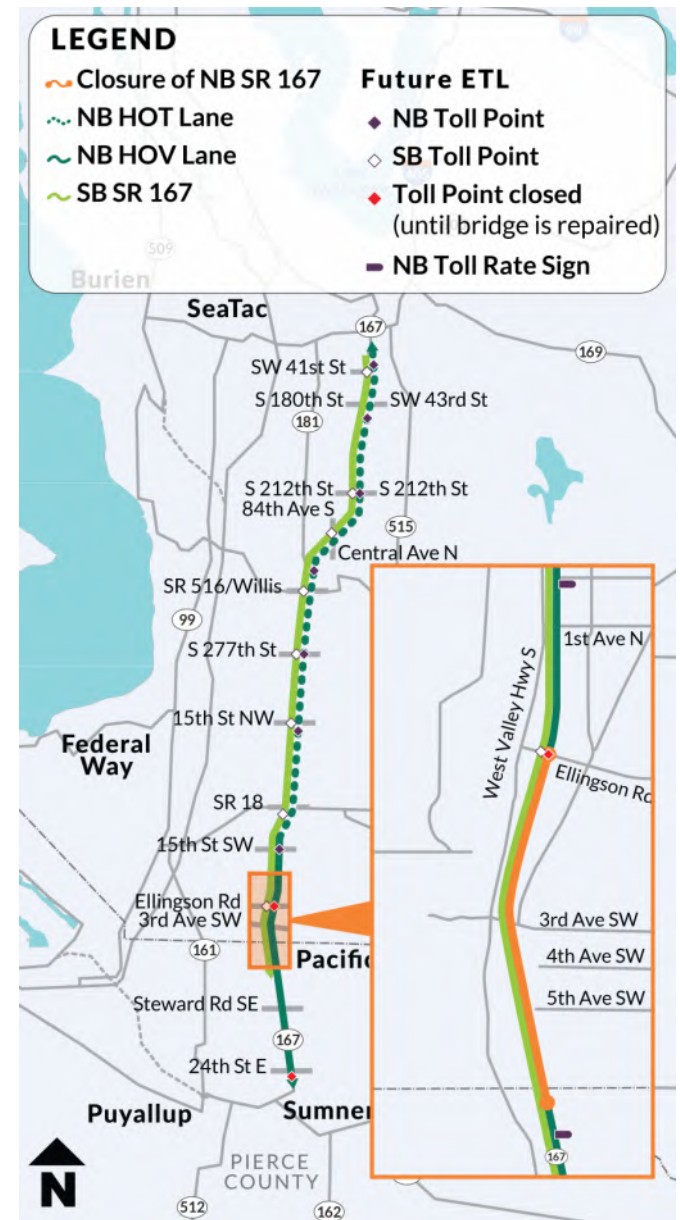


New toll charged in downtown Bellevue

New toll charged at SR 167/I-405

167 ETLs and bridge strike

- Will not implement new rules in the construction zone where workers are repairing the SR 167 bridge over 3rd Ave SW.
 - NB SR 167 HOV lane between Sumner and Pacific – originally planned to be converted to an express toll lane Oct. 20 – will remain untolled until bridge repair (expected early 2026).
- With the new rules and equipment in place, the toll lanes on SR 167 will provide a more reliable trip for carpoolers and drivers who choose to pay a toll.



SR 167 Incentive Program

- Free Flex and motorcycle passes, and more information available at GoodToGo167.com.
- Drivers encouraged to act now while supplies last, avoid last minute rush.



A Flex Pass set to HOV mode



Motorcycle pass being installed

Questions?

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Stride Bus Rapid Transit Program Update

*I-405/SR 167 EAG
December 9, 2025*



What we'll cover today:

- Agency updates
- Sound Transit's Stride BRT program
 - Overview
 - Stride Fleet and Stations
- Project Update: Stride S1, S2, and S3
- 2026 Look ahead

Federal Way Light Rail Extension Open!



Sound Transit Updates

- *In August, Sound Transit broke ground on the Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility that will support the Stride program.*
- *Up next in 2026*
 - 2 Line: Cross Lake Connection
 - Stride Bus Rapid Transit Groundbreakings



Stride Program Overview

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

Stride BRT Program Status

Capital program:

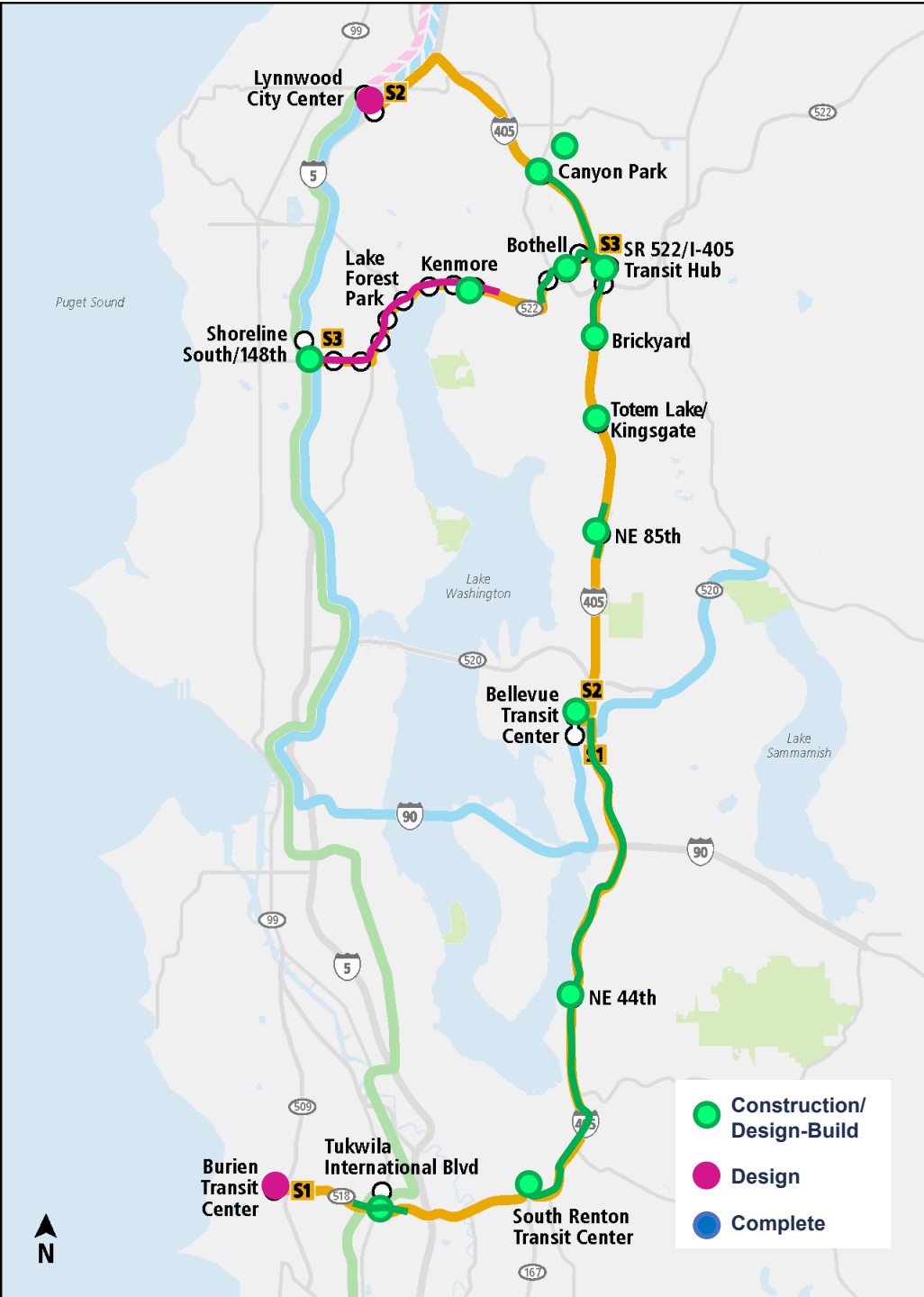
- Design nearing 100% overall
- Right of way acquisition underway

Partnerships (WSDOT & others)

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

2025 procurements:

- Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility
- S3 construction projects
- S1 Renton Transit Center
- Contracted Service Provider



Brickyard Inline Station

Under Construction!

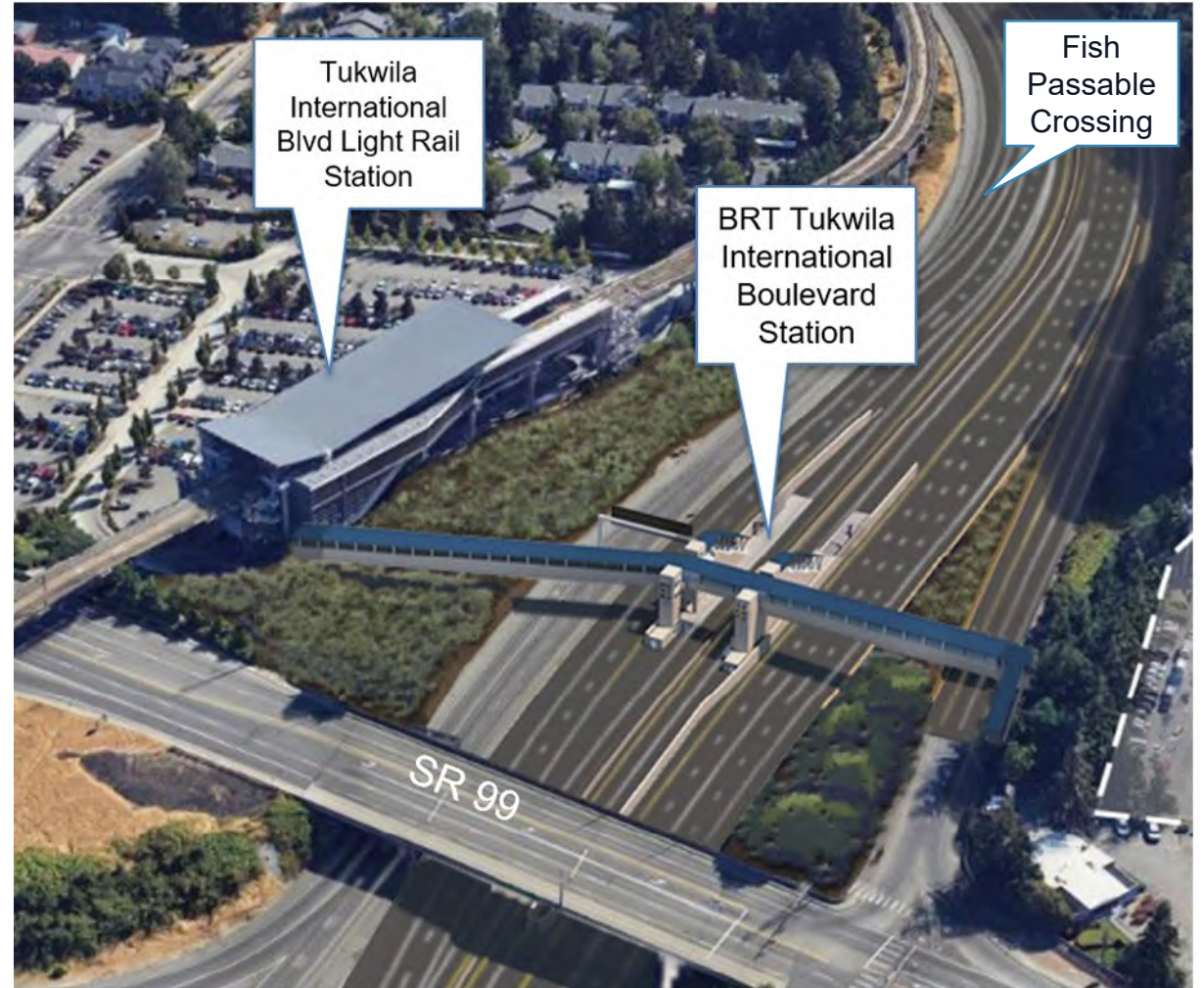


***NE 85th Inline
Station
Under Construction!***



Tukwila International Blvd Station

***WSDOT partnership
agreement approved!***



Questions?

Thank you.



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Planning efforts

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Renton Rainier BRT Access Study

Engagement 0	Engagement 1	Engagement 2	Public Outreach	Engagement 3
June 2024	December 2024	May 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2025
Define the Problem	Finalize Metrics & Identify Concepts	Evaluate Concepts	Seek Public Feedback	Identify Concept to Advance
<i>Access Study Final Report is currently being developed</i>				

Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3	Concept 4
Operational Improvements	Lind Ave Partial Interchange	Maple Ave. Median Direct Access	Grady Way Bypass
			
Operational improvements at Rainier/Grady within the right-of-way	New interchange to/from the west	New ETL median direct access for transit	Grade separation

Funded by:

Other Funds

SR 167 Implementation Plan



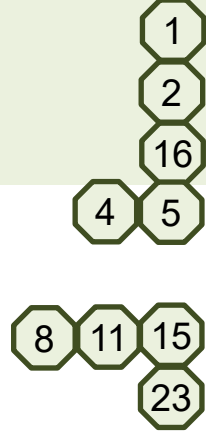
Goal: identify package(s) of projects and funding needs based on traffic analysis, early engineering, and cost estimating

Proposed schedule (subject to change)

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Finalize Report
November 6, 2025 (level-set)	February 2026 (screen)	May 2026 (review)	July 2026 (select)	December 1, 2026 (submit to legislature)

- Workshops will be in-person over approximately four hours
- Invitees include city/partner agency staff and the SR 167 Equity Advisory Committee

WSDOT projects



- WSDOT → Additional ETL from I-405 to SR 512
- WSDOT → SR 167/SR 18 I/C missing ramps
- WSDOT → Complete SR 167/Valley Ave I/C (Gateway)
- WSDOT → Aux Lanes on SR 167 and SR 18
- WSDOT → Flyover ramps at SR 167/SR 512 I/C
- WSDOT → Direct Accesses in Kent, Auburn, and Sumner
- WSDOT → Grady Way separation



- WSDOT → Improve 6 arterial I/Cs with SR 167



- WSDOT → Ramp meters for all lanes at all I/Cs
- WSDOT → Coordination with SR 512 study (Aux Lanes)

WSDOT project types

1. Lanes

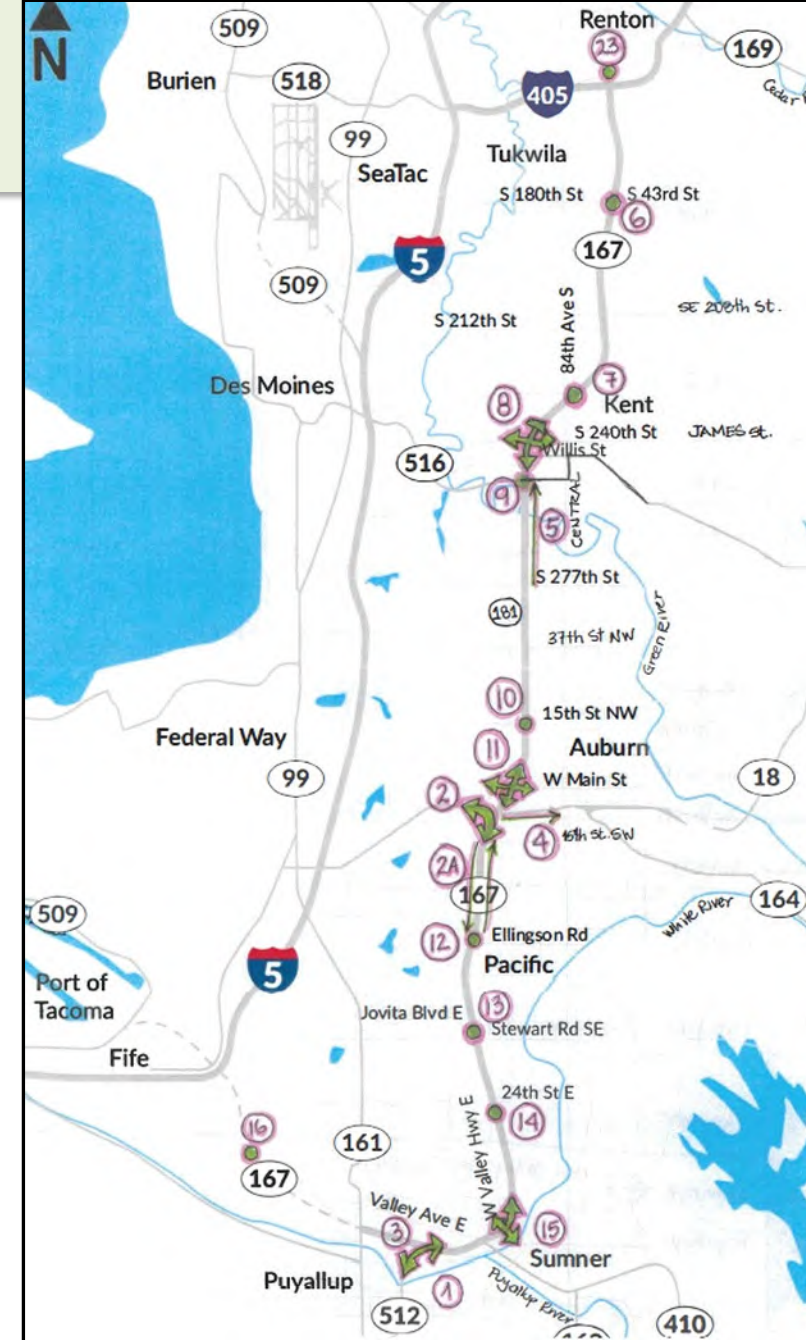
- Express toll lanes (ETLs)
- Auxiliary lanes

2. Direct Access

- Kent
- Auburn
- Sumner

3. Interchange Improvements

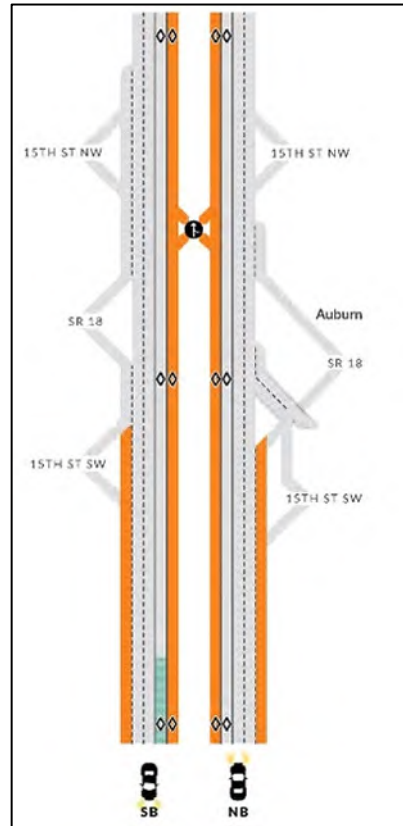
- System to system connections
- Active transportation
- Capacity improvements



SR 167 Implementation Plan

- **Goal:** Identify package(s) of projects and funding needs based on traffic analysis, early engineering, and cost estimating

Example
SR 167 Master Plan Recommendation:
Add direct access in Auburn



From line diagrams



To understanding constraints



To early design work and layouts

Workshop #1 summary



- Ensured all participants have a shared understanding of the SR 167 Master Plan and a clear sense of the SR 167 Implementation Plan approach.
- Reviewed each SR 167 Master Plan project and recommended strategy to hear local perspective on opportunities and constraints.
- Discussed screening criteria and potential packaging methodology in preparation for Workshop #2 - Screen.

Pre-design

Goal: explore scope, phasing, and cost refinement scenarios in alignment with project intent/fundamental need

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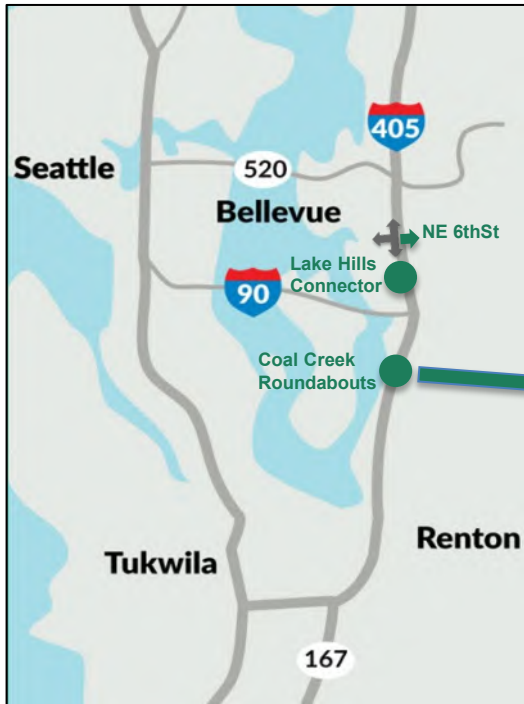
	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	CEVPs
Contract 3 (Interchange Improvements)	November 6, 2025 (kick-off)	January 2026 (screen)	February 2026 (select)	Spring 2026
SR 167 Southbound ETL Extension	January 2026 (kick-off)	TBD	TBD	Spring 2026

- Workshops will be in-person and invitees will include city staff

Financial plan update is anticipated in Fall 2026

Workshop #1

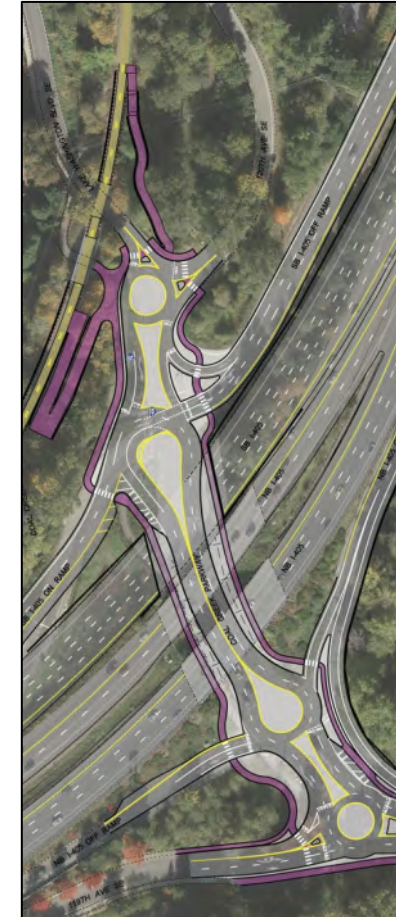
Work occurring in support of the workshops includes developing initial designs, conducting traffic forecasting and analysis, performing early field verification, and generating cost estimates to help inform project prioritization.



Interchange improvements include modified ETL access at NE 6th St and a modified Coal Creek interchange



Existing Coal Creek interchange



Early design work

Wrap-up

Next steps

Upcoming milestones

- Dec: Governor Ferguson's Supplemental Budget released
- Jan 12 – Mar 13, 2026: Legislative session