



## I-405/SR 167 Corridor Improvement Program

# Year in Review 2025

**Last year, we reported that 2024 was the biggest year of construction in our program's history.**

This year has set a new record, with nearly 40 of the corridor's 50+ miles under construction and major activity across four projects. Backed by more than \$4 billion in investment, we're making considerable progress toward the partner-driven vision for a multimodal transportation system—advancing both ongoing construction and new planning work.

As the program is delivered, travelers will see systemwide benefits—replacing failing infrastructure, opening upstream fish habitat, and strengthening connections among communities, freight, and Regional Growth Centers throughout the corridor. We're expanding the express toll lane (ETL) system to improve performance across all lanes, and working with partner agencies to build the infrastructure that will support reliable travel for all users, including Sound Transit's Stride Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service. In addition, these projects are creating new connections for bicyclists and pedestrians. While a lot of new infrastructure is under construction, we're also prioritizing maintenance and preservation of the existing system. This means repaving significant sections of the existing highway and replacing old lighting, drainage facilities, safety barriers, and much more. This is a major point of emphasis with all of our capital projects as maintaining roads, bridges, and infrastructure is far less expensive than full reconstruction later.

We want to thank our neighboring communities and the travelling public for your patience. Over the past year, we have asked a great deal of you, particularly during a construction season that has not only been busier on I-405/SR 167, but across the region. Your endurance allowed us to accomplish a great deal, and there is more work to do. We are forecasting another busy year in 2026, and we will continue to share updates and progress as we go. Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

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Program Administrator

Rob Woeck  
Deputy Program Administrator



# 1

toll infrastructure  
upgrade project

## COMPLETED



# 4

projects in active

## CONSTRUCTION



# \$4

BILLION

in improvements being

## DELIVERED

# 2025 Planning and Design Efforts

While this year was full of major construction activity, we also launched new planning efforts that will set the stage for future improvements. Today's construction projects may be top of mind for travelers, but each began in the planning phase, just like the exciting projects we initiated this year.

In the 2025 legislative session, our program received funding to develop the SR 167 Implementation Plan, the next big step following adoption of the Master Plan in 2023. This effort is bringing partners together to identify a package(s) of projects from the Master Plan, outline their funding needs, and prepare recommendations for the Legislature's consideration as we take the first steps towards delivery. We owe the Legislature a final report in December 2026, in advance of the 2027 legislative session, which will conclude the Implementation Plan process. Between now and then, we are hosting a series of workshops that launched in November with partner agency staff and SR 167 Equity Advisory Committee members.



Attendees at the SR 167 Implementation Workshop #1

In 2025, we also received funding for pre-design work to support Renton to Bellevue Contract 3, which includes interchange improvements along I-405 in Bellevue, as well as funding for pre-design on the SR 167 Southbound ETL Extension Project. The pre-design process will allow us to assess potential scope refinements and phasing options that could potentially reduce costs while still meeting the project's intent and fundamental needs. We are also planning a series of workshops in support of both pre-design efforts. This information will help inform an update to the Program's Financial Plan in 2026, leading up to the 2027 legislative session

# 2025 Construction Highlights

## SR 167 Corridor Improvements Project



*We completed toll infrastructure upgrades and opened them to the public on Oct. 20, rolling out new SR 167 tolling and HOV rules. The updated tolling equipment and rules provide a more streamlined and predictable experience for drivers across the region, consistent with the I-405 express toll lanes.*

## I-405, Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project



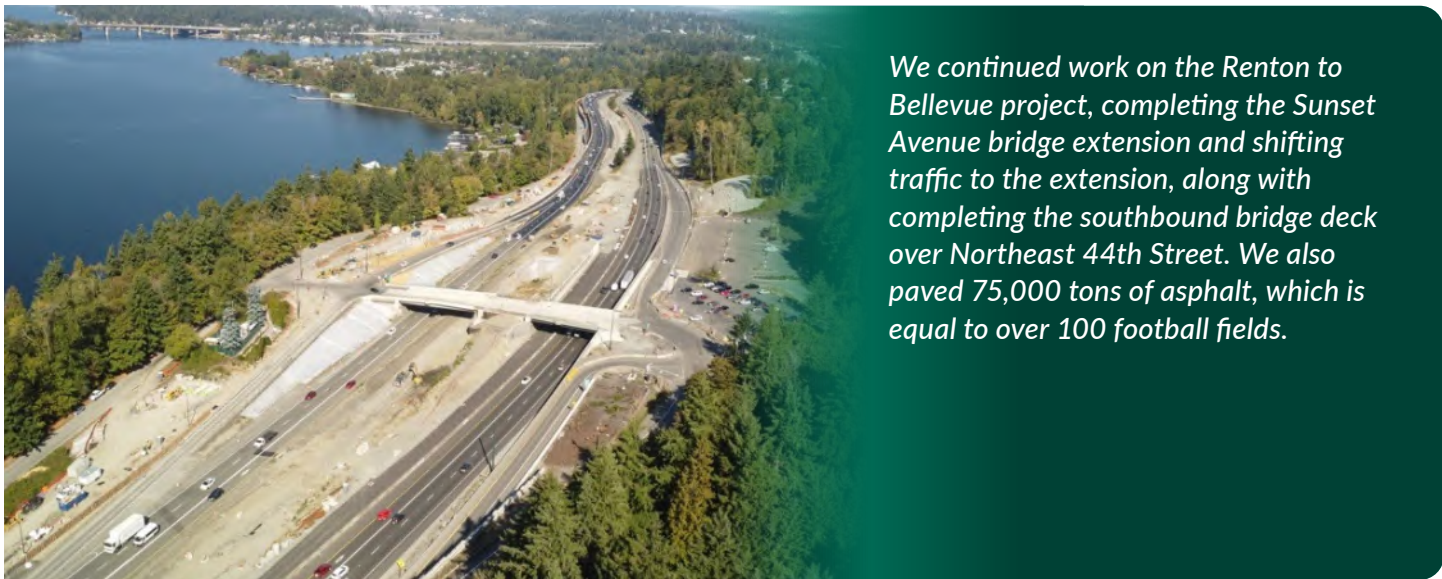
*In 2025, we started construction of the new Brickyard inline bus rapid transit station and built a new bridge deck for the northbound I-405 off-ramp to SR 522. The I-405/SR 522 Interchange now has two new intersections with traffic signals. These changes help open up the center of the interchange to build an additional express toll lane in each direction and direct access ramps to the ETLs which will provide speed and reliability for Stride Bus Rapid Transit and HOV users, provide a choice for drivers when they need it, and benefit operations across all lanes.*

## I-405, Northeast 85th Street Interchange and Inline BRT Station Project



*In the past year we completed significant excavation at the Northeast 85th Street interchange level (future bottom level). We also completed new I-405 foundations, constructed six new bridges, and placed girders to support new mainline northbound and southbound bridge decks (top level).*

# I-405, Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project



We continued work on the Renton to Bellevue project, completing the Sunset Avenue bridge extension and shifting traffic to the extension, along with completing the southbound bridge deck over Northeast 44th Street. We also paved 75,000 tons of asphalt, which is equal to over 100 football fields.

## Putting our values to work

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion



Contracted with 507 certified small and diverse business partners, advancing participation among minority, woman, and veteran-owned businesses



On track to meet our 15% apprenticeship goal on each project

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