



Please see the following message from WSDOT regarding the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

Wind and waves: 520 bridge crews go into action

Winds gusted up to 47 mph early Wednesday, Jan. 25, and our bridge crews were on storm watch on the SR 520 floating bridge. With a sharp eye for potential damage from high winds and strong waves, crews were quick to notice two loose steel plates at a midspan joint in the westbound lanes. They immediately called the State Patrol and took steps to temporarily close the bridge to traffic to make emergency repairs.

Crews needed to open the drawspan during two brief closures to replace bolts and cinch down the steel plates. Once the repairs were complete, the bridge was reopened to traffic. Crews stayed on storm watch through the night as wind gauges rose and fell on the bridge.

To hear a recent story of what it takes to be a bridge technician, watch our YouTube interview with Bruce Watkins.

[Weekend closure canceled Feb. 10-13, work rescheduled](#)

The planned State Route 520 weekend construction closure for Feb. 10-13 is canceled and work planned for that weekend will be postponed to the weekend of Feb. 24-27.

Snow and ice storms Jan. 16-20 prevented crews from building support piers needed for future lids and overpasses at Bellevue Way Northeast and 84th Avenue Northeast. Three dozen massive concrete girders now will be installed the weekend of Feb. 24-27, and demolition at Evergreen Point Road previously planned for that last weekend in February will be rescheduled. See progress on our project from our eye-in-the-sky photos on Flickr and watch crews work swiftly in the snow earlier this month in our time-lapse video on YouTube.

[SR 520 design progress report available, work continues in 2012](#)

We've posted our SR 520 community design progress update, sharing preliminary design opportunities for SR 520 in Seattle that were developed after three well-attended public meetings and lots of community feedback last fall.

The report summarizes potential design opportunities and input from the public, and outlines upcoming steps toward construction of the I-5 to Medina project. In 2012, WSDOT will continue to work with design professionals, our partner agencies and the public to further explore the design opportunities developed in 2011. Stay tuned to our website for upcoming public session dates.