



SR522 Improvement Project

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – August 12, 2009

Phase II Completion Ceremony

The City of Kenmore celebrated a major milestone in the SR 522 Improvement Project - the completion of Phase II (East Segment) construction between 73rd Avenue NE and 83rd Place NE. On Thursday, July 30 the City of Kenmore, funding partners, local and regional officials and the public celebrated with a ceremony at Kenmore Square. Speakers included Kenmore Mayor David Baker, Sound Transit Boardmember and City of Issaquah Deputy Council President Fred Butler, State Representative Ruth Kagi, State Representative Maralyn Chase and Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Executive Director Steve Gorcester. Phase II improvements beautified the gateway to Kenmore and provided safety benefits for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and transit.

Minor landscaping and property restorations do still remain and will be addressed over the next few weeks. Thank you to the residents and businesses of Kenmore for your patience throughout construction.

Roadway Grinding on SR 522 – 65th Avenue NE to 73rd Avenue NE

Pavement grinding is occurring overnight this week on SR 522 in preparation of traffic loop installation, roadway pre-leveling and overlay paving set to occur later this month. Grinding is scheduled to be complete later in the week.

While methods to reduce construction noise will be in place, noise from the construction site should be expected. What to expect during upcoming construction:

- Temporary lane closures and traffic shifts.
- Additional construction equipment and noise.
- Vibration and back-up alarms associated with construction vehicles.
- Pavement grinding.

Night work hours are Monday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Construction work is weather dependent and subject to change.

Median Construction and Lane Shifts

Crews recently began median construction on SR 522 between 68th Avenue NE and 73rd Avenue NE. The general purpose lanes have been shifted to the outside of the roadway through this area so that the center lane is free of traffic and crews can safely complete median construction. This construction will last for a couple of weeks.

The new roadway design will reduce the number of areas where turns can be made; however, U-turns will be implemented along the corridor to provide convenient access routes to businesses and residents. This design will reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, increase vehicle and pedestrian safety and add to the aesthetics of the corridor.

Please visit the project Web site for the latest updates, www.KenmoreSR522.com.

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