



*An alliance of the Downtown Seattle Association, King County Metro and City of Seattle*

## COMMUTER ALERT!

**I-90 Floating Bridge Repair** - Round the Clock Closures - Washington State Department of Transportation will be repairing its four expansion joints this spring and summer. If you commute on I-90 please prepare to add 40 minutes to your commute. I-90 bike lanes will be open during construction.

I-90 Westbound express lanes will be closed May 4 – May 23. All westbound traffic will have to use the mainline.

I-90 Westbound mainline will close July 5th to July 28th. All westbound traffic will have to use the express lanes.

**Paving Downtown: Expect Delays and Congestion** - The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is planning several paving projects in Downtown that will improve streets and help keep traffic moving when major construction gets underway on the Alaskan Way Viaduct. These paving projects are funded by the "Bridging the Gap" transportation levy approved by Seattle voters in 2006. This upcoming paving will include curb ramp construction, restriping lane markings, sharrows and bike lanes, expanding tree pits, transit improvements and minor drainage improvements.



### Upcoming/current paving

Stewart Street - 4/09 to 11/09 - Eastlake Avenue E. to First Avenue  
Pike Street - 5/09 to 6/09 - 1st Ave to 2nd Ave  
Second Ave - 5/09 to 12/09 - Denny Way to Jackson Street  
Broad Street - 7/09 to 9/09 - Alaskan Way to First Ave  
Wall Street - 7/09 to 10/09 - Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue  
Marion Street - 8/09 to 12/09 - Western Avenue to Sixth Avenue  
Virginia Street - 11/09 into 2010 - Boren to First Avenue  
Olive Way - 11/09 into 2010 - Third Avenue to Sixth Avenue and Ninth Avenue to Terry Avenue

navigate these roadway and construction issues please call 613-3131 or email [info@commuteseattle.com](mailto:info@commuteseattle.com) for a free transportation consultation for your business.

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**ORCA is Coming** -Traveling the Puget Sound region by bus, train and ferry will get even easier this spring and summer with the arrival of ORCA—One Regional Card for All.

ORCA will make rummaging for correct change a thing of the past. When boarding, ORCA riders will simply tap their new smart cards on a reader device. The electronic fare system will replace about 300 various passes, tickets and transfers with a single card that works for all seven of the major public transportation agencies serving King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

A limited rollout of the system will begin April 20 at the same time the partner agencies work to identify and resolve remaining technical issues in a live environment. The limited rollout will continue for several weeks followed by a more extensive ORCA launch and customer awareness campaign expected to begin in June. The phase-in of ORCA will continue through the end of the year as people's current transit passes expire and are replaced by ORCA cards. The phased process will give transit customers and the agencies time to transition to the new system.

**FlexPass clients:** Commute Seattle will reach out to our FlexPass business clients well in advance of their renewal dates to ensure an informed and seamless transition. Until your renewal date, your FlexPass will still work as usual.

If you are not a FlexPass client and would like information about ORCA please call 206-613-3131 or email [info@commuteseattle.com](mailto:info@commuteseattle.com)

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**May is National Bike Month!** Challenge your co-workers and challenge yourself! Sign up online for the Group Health Commuter Challenge and log your bike commute trips online. Can't commit to biking to work at least five days in May? Then participate in Starbucks' Bike to Work Day May 15th. For more information, visit [www.cascade.org](http://www.cascade.org).

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