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COMMUTER ALERT!

Light Rail Testing in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel

On Wednesday, May 20, Link light rail trains began operating along with buses in the downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT), as well as along other portions of the Link route, such as in the SODO area and in the Rainier Valley. Link will begin passenger service on July 18.

Safety around trains cannot be stressed enough. Link trains are very quiet. Please use caution and observe all safety precautions and posted information at all times.



Photo courtesy of Seattle Transit Blog

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Prepare for Closure of I-90 Westbound Mainline in July

The May closure of I-90 express lanes that replaced two cracked expansion joints finished Saturday May 16th. Lanes reopened to traffic a week sooner than previously scheduled. But it is not over yet, even longer backups expected for the July 5 mainline closures when WSDOT closes all westbound lanes of I-90 floating bridge, shifting all westbound traffic into just two express lanes. Be prepared to add on 30 minutes to your commute across I-90 starting July 5th. Travel times improved in May when commuters shifted their drive times, carpoled, or took other alternative commute modes. Biking across I-90 will still be an option, WSDOT is building two temporary bicycle bridges around the construction zones to keep the I-90 trail open.

[WSDOT construction information](#)

Olive Way Exit and Pike-Pine Ramp - CLOSED for Approximately One Year

To build the University Link light rail extension (3.15 mile bored tunnels that will run between Capitol Hill and University of Washington) Sound Transit must prepare for the Tunnel Boring Machine to pass under Interstate 5. For this preparation the Olive way exit will close and the Pike/Pine reversible ramp will be restricted to southbound traffic only. Also, the Cherry Street on-ramp and one lane of northbound I-5 in the vicinity of the Olive way ramp will close for up to a month in June 2009 and again in April 2010.

DETOUR ROUTE- Take Madison ramp (exit 165 north) left on Boren Ave. and Right on Olive way.

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City of Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan Comment Period

The City of Seattle has developed the Pedestrian Master Plan, which defines the steps needed to make Seattle a more walkable, livable, and healthy city. The plan establishes the policies, programs, design criteria, and projects that will further enhance pedestrian safety, comfort, and access in all of Seattle's neighborhoods. The city is asking for public feedback and comments.

The Pedestrian Master Plan Comment Period is open from May 6 to June 15, 2009. [Click here to see the Pedestrian Master Plan draft](#)



Picture Courtesy of City of Seattle

Sports Fans and Commuters: Be Prepared!

With the Sounders and the Mariners in full swing this spring and summer season, plan your commute before you go. Parking near the stadiums is extremely expensive and getting to and from the game can be a headache. There are plenty of buses that offer services to the stadium area, and the King County Water Taxi, Sounder train and the waterfront trolley are all commute options to help you leave your car at home on game days.

And for the commuter, be prepared to tack on some extra time to your commute during daytime games (Mariners Games: Thursday June 25th 1:40, Tuesday July 8th 1:40, Wednesday July 29th 1:40, Thursday September 17th 3:40, Wednesday September 2nd 3:40)
(Sounders Games: Wednesday June 17th 7:30, Thursday August 20th 7:00)

[You can take the Sounder train to weekend Mariner day games.](#)

[The King County Water Taxi runs late on Mariner game days and weekends.](#)

Thanks to Bike to Work Day Participants

On Friday May 15th over 19,000 cyclists took to the roads in the greater King County area and you were there! The team at Cascade Bicycle Club conducts a cyclist count every year on Bike to Work Day and this year's total reached 19,097.

Commute Seattle applauds you for your participation and for helping to support alternative modes of transportation!

Now, on to the free stuff! At our Bike to Work Day station we raffled off a commuter bag and gear worth \$200 and the lucky winner was Cindy Moulder. We wish you many happy commutes Cindy and hope to see you out there.



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