

# Projects on I-90 across Lake Washington

*I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Project & East Link Light Rail Project*



As the region grows, it is important to provide the public with more travel options. Transportation planners project traffic on I-90 will continue to increase through the next decade and will reach maximum vehicle capacity during peak hours in

the near future. A joint Sound Transit and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project is under way to add high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in both directions to the outer roadway of I-90. In the end, freight capacity on I-90 will be maintained as Sound Transit and WSDOT pave the way for light rail to use the center roadway as part of the East Link light rail project.

These projects will preserve the existing number of general purpose lanes for freight and single-occupancy vehicles on I-90, while increasing transit options and reliability. Additionally, with completion of the I-90 Two Way Transit and HOV Project, traffic forecasts for future years indicate that the East Link Project would preserve or improve truck travel times across the I-90 bridge during peak periods as commuters shift from single-occupant vehicles to light rail.

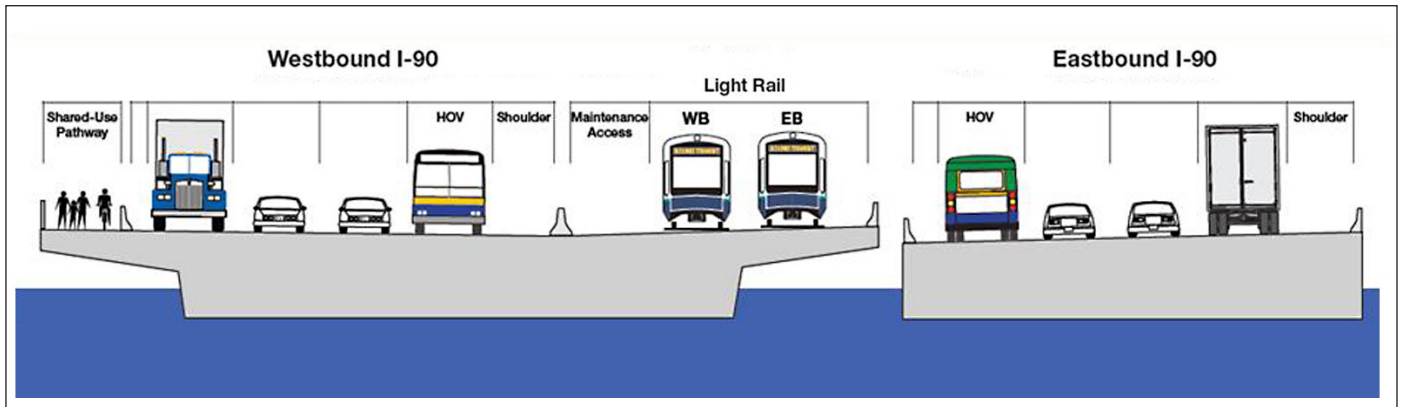
## How will construction of these projects affect truck travel on the I-90 floating bridge?

With Stage 1 complete and Stage 2 under way, trucks and other traffic already have experienced construction of the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations project and reported minimal impact. Trucking companies can expect similar conditions during construction of Stage 3. East Link light rail construction will have limited impacts on travel in the outer roadway because work will be performed in the center roadway.

When these projects are complete, trucks will travel in the same number of lanes and utilize the same access ramps as they do today.

For more information about the traffic effects and benefits to freight haulers, please see the Final EIS for East Link.





Currently I-90 includes a two-lane, reversible center roadway between Seattle and Bellevue for HOVs. In the morning, traffic in the center roadway is westbound; in the evening it's eastbound. Buses and HOVs traveling opposite the center roadway direction must compete with other vehicles in the outer roadway. Without HOV lanes in the outer roadway for buses and HOVs, routine rush-hour delays slow down freight traffic with the rest of general purpose traffic.

The I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations project is converting the existing outer roadways from three to four lanes – three general-purpose lanes and one carpool (HOV) lane – for a total of eight lanes. This conversion is underway and will be completed prior to East Link construction. Truck access to and from the I-90 westbound and eastbound outer roadways will remain unchanged, as the I-90 general-purpose ramps will not change.

### What are the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Project phases?

- **Stage 1 (complete):** Added a westbound HOV lane between Bellevue Way and 80th Avenue SE on Mercer Island.
- **Stage 2 (underway: complete in early 2012):** Adds an eastbound HOV lane from 80th Avenue SE on Mercer Island to Bellevue Way.
- **Stage 3 (begin construction in 2013):** Adds an HOV lane in each direction between Mercer Island and Seattle.

### What is the status of the East Link project?

East Link light rail will connect directly with Central Link for a one-seat ride between Redmond, Bellevue, Mercer Island and Northgate via downtown Seattle, Capitol Hill and the University of Washington. In July 2011, Sound Transit released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and selected the project to be built. Final design for the East Link project is scheduled to begin in 2012. Light rail construction is scheduled to begin in 2015, after the HOV lanes are complete on the outer roadway of the I-90 bridge. East Link is scheduled to begin serving commuters in 2023.

### For more information

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[www.wsdot.wa.gov/Freight/default.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Freight/default.htm)

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