

# I-405 – SR 520 Bellevue Braided Ramps Project

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to close

August 2010

### 124<sup>th</sup> AVENUE NE CLOSURE

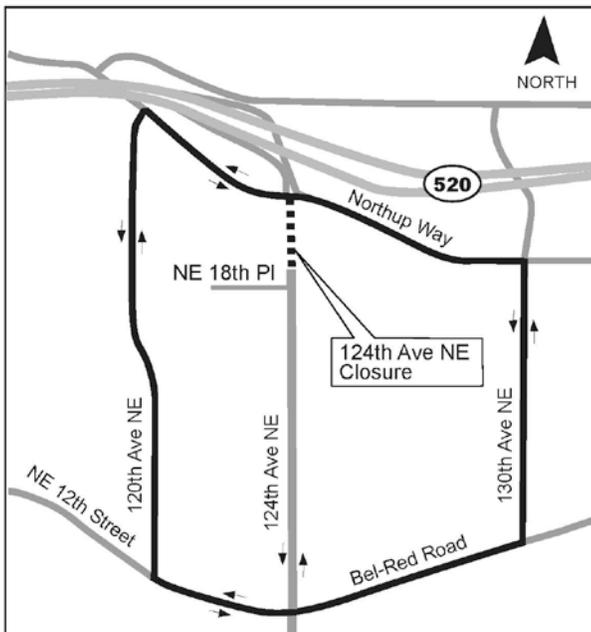
Crews need to close about two blocks of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE for a total of nearly three weeks over the next month.

Crews will close 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE completely from north of NE 18<sup>th</sup> Place (access to the Transit Base) and Northup Way for 24 hours/day:

- August 23 – August 26
- September 13 – September 26

During the closures, please use detours as shown on the map. Local access will be provided.

### DETOUR ROUTES



### CREWS TO REPLACE POWER POLE; BUILD NEW BRIDGE AT 124<sup>th</sup> AVE NE

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and its contractor, Guy F. Atkinson Construction, LLC, are building a project to improve traffic at the I-405/SR 520 interchange. The project will build new northbound multi-level "braided" ramps to separate vehicles entering and exiting I-405 between NE 8th Street and SR 520 in Bellevue.

As part of the project, crews will build a new ramp from NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street, giving drivers direct access to SR 520 from downtown Bellevue, with a choice to bypass or exit at 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. A new bridge will carry bypass traffic over 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE just south of the existing freeway.

To build that bridge, crews first need to remove and replace a power transmission tower with a new pole. The new pole will raise the power line to provide necessary clearance above the new bridge.

The closures of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE are needed to replace the power pole and transfer the electrical lines to the new pole. The Bonneville Power Association has set the closure dates and coordinated the power shutdown and transfer of power. Residents and businesses will not lose electricity during the work.

### CONSTRUCTION NOISE

Crews will work primarily during the day, but some night and weekend work is required to minimize impacts to the traveling public. Crews will:

- Bring in heavy equipment
- Deliver rebar and other materials to the site
- Drill a hole to the north of the existing tower for the new pole
- Pour concrete
- Erect the new pole and remove the existing tower

Please be advised that you may hear noise and see construction. You should expect to hear noise from:

- Motors on heavy equipment
- Drilling
- Safety backup alarms on mobile equipment
- Other construction equipment and activity

For your own safety, please stay out of the construction zone.

### UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

Crews will need to close SR 520 and Northup Way at 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE so crews can string electrical wires safely over the freeway. SR 520 will close for four hours one night in September. In addition, Northup Way will be closed overnight at 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. An updated construction schedule will be posted at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/ne8thtosr520/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/ne8thtosr520/)