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West Approach Bridge North Project Construction Update

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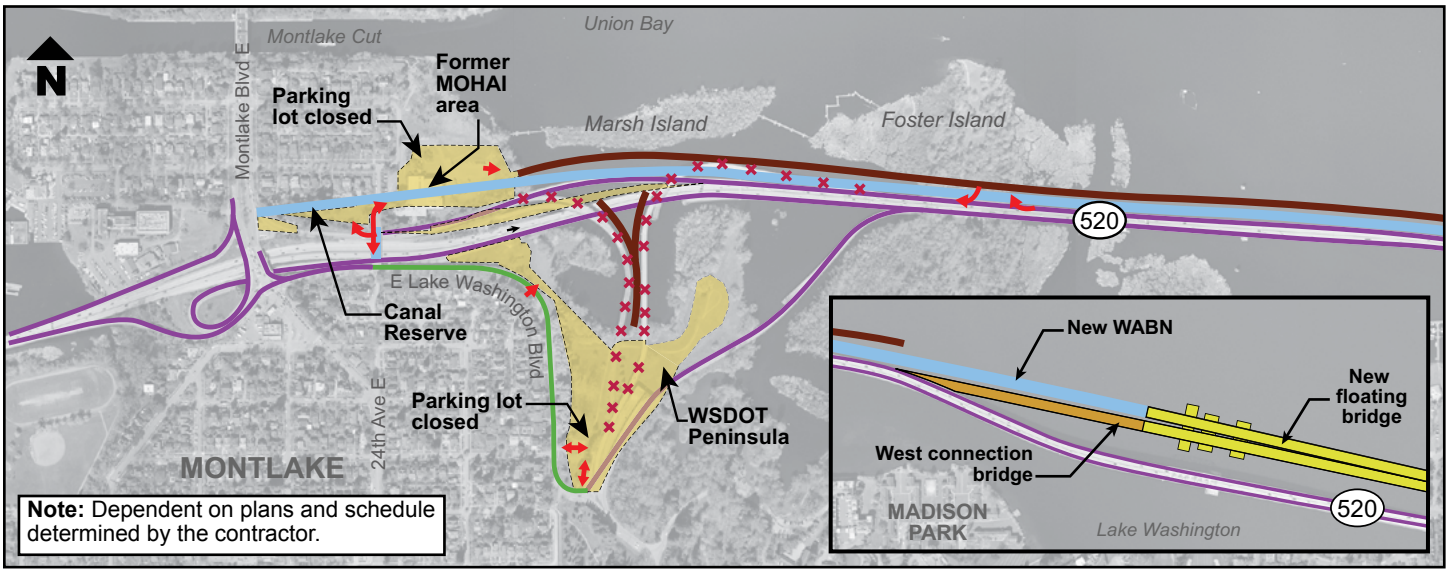
Construction begins this month for the West Approach Bridge North Project (WABN)



LEGEND: Staging areas (includes tree and vegetation removal) | Temporary work bridge | Contractor access point | Primary haul route | Secondary haul route | New floating bridge | New WABN | Ramp removal

Project overview

The WABN Project is the next construction phase of the SR 520 Program. When complete in summer 2017, WABN will connect westbound-traveling vehicles, transit/HOV, bicycles and pedestrians from the new floating bridge to the Montlake area. WABN will be built to modern earthquake standards and also features a new off-ramp to Lake Washington Boulevard at 24th Avenue East, local street improvements, a stormwater treatment facility, and a 14-foot-wide regional shared-use path connecting Seattle and the Eastside. Eastbound traffic will continue to use the existing structure until the West Approach Bridge South is funded.

What to expect during construction

We thank you in advance for your patience as crews begin three years of construction in the Montlake area and on Lake Washington. As soon as this month, you'll see the following activities within the project's limits:

- Installing orange construction fencing around project boundaries.
- Preparing construction staging areas by closing existing parking lots, removing trees and vegetation, and setting up field trailers and equipment.
- Demolishing the former Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) building, unused ramps and the existing westbound off-ramp in the Arboretum.
- Installing piles to construct temporary work bridges in Union Bay in order to build the permanent WABN structure.
- Marking temporary access restrictions to the shoreline and trails.

Necessary tree removal for construction

WSDOT worked closely with the city of Seattle during project design to minimize tree removal and ensure protection of the remaining vegetation. Crews will only remove trees and vegetation within the project's limits as necessary to allow room to build the new structure, including on Foster Island. After construction is complete, the area will be replanted to create a well-blended and integrated landscape.

See reverse side for more information on how to stay informed and be notified of upcoming activities

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How to stay informed about West Approach Bridge North Project (WABN) construction:

We understand that those who live, work and play in the area will be affected by the major construction activities needed to build this project. We thank the public in advance for your patience as we work to replace the existing vulnerable structure.

Email

- **Sign up for WABN construction email updates:** public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new
- **Email project staff:** SR520Bridge@wsdot.wa.gov

Online

- **Visit the SR 520 Orange Page website:** www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/520orangepage/
- **Visit the WABN project website:** www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/WABN/
- **Follow us on Twitter:** @WSDOT_520

Phone

- **Call the SR 520 24-hour construction hotline:** 206-708-4657

In person

- **Join us for our public open house and monthly construction update meetings with the contractor:** More details coming soon!

Construction hours:

- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.* Monday through Friday
- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.* Saturday and Sunday

* Pile installation prohibited after 5 p.m.

Nighttime construction work is necessary to complete the project as efficiently as possible and to help keep daytime traffic flowing. Our contractor will follow city requirements regarding nighttime work and implement best management practices to maintain the local community's quality of life.