

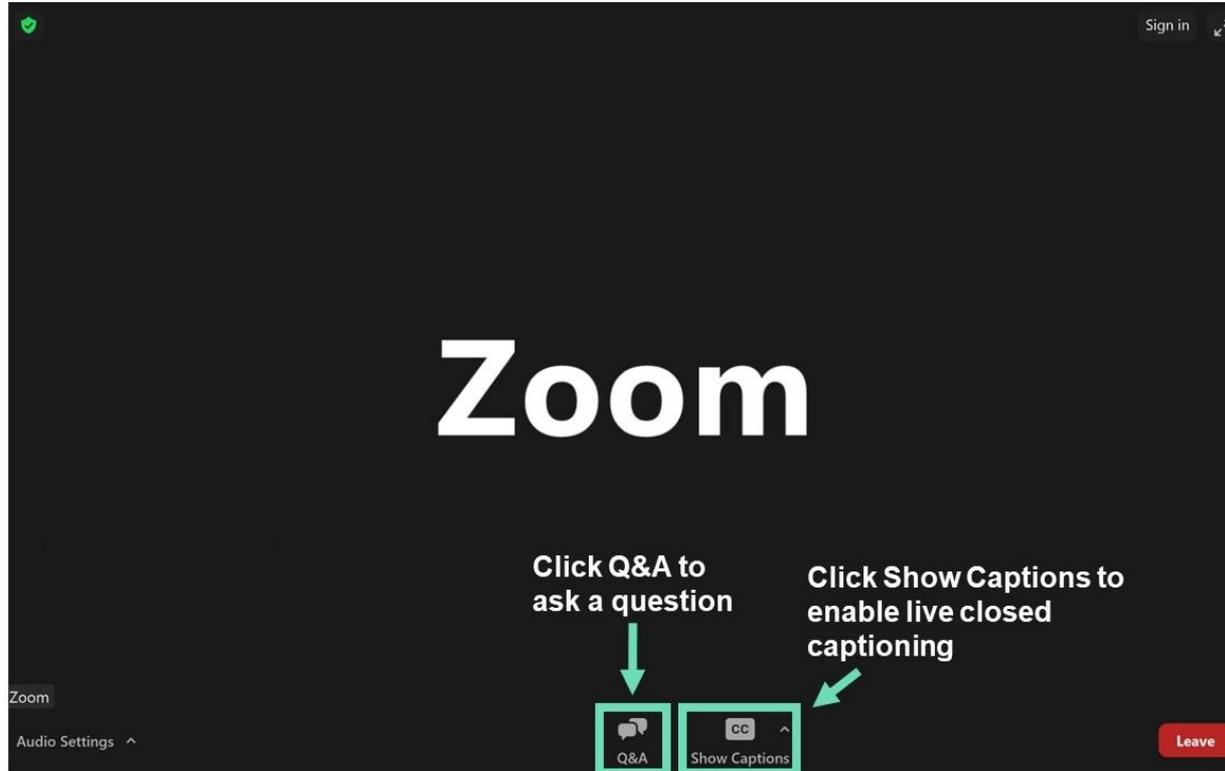
I-405/Northeast 85th Street Interchange and Inline BRT Station Project

Construction updates

May 27, 2025

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Zoom controls



Welcome & introductions

- **Aliah Marzolf**, Meeting Facilitator, Graham Communications
- **Cheryl Webster**, Graham Construction Project Controls Specialist
- **Steve M. Beadle, PE**, WSDOT Project Engineer
- **Paul Cornish**, Sound Transit Strategic Project Director
- **Sarah Olson**, City of Kirkland Deputy Director of Public Works Department

Agenda

Project overview and benefits

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Construction updates

- Schedule (2023 – 2027)
- What's completed or in progress? What's next?
- Upcoming City of Kirkland construction projects
- What you can expect during construction

Keeping the community informed

- Outreach efforts
- Real-time travel map and app

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Questions?

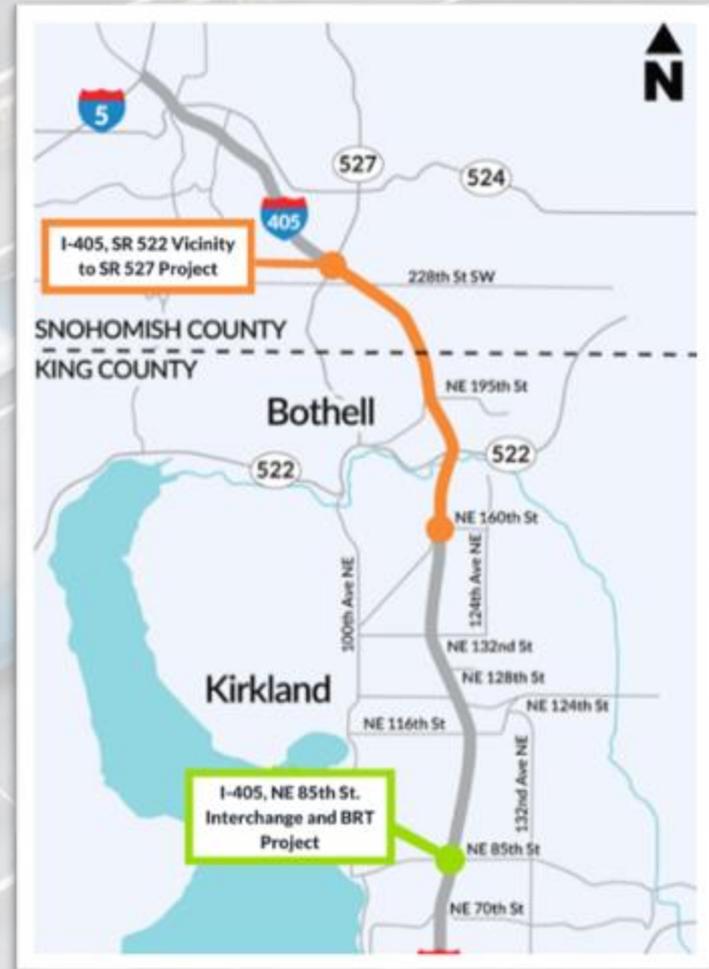
Poll questions

Before we start, we want to hear from you

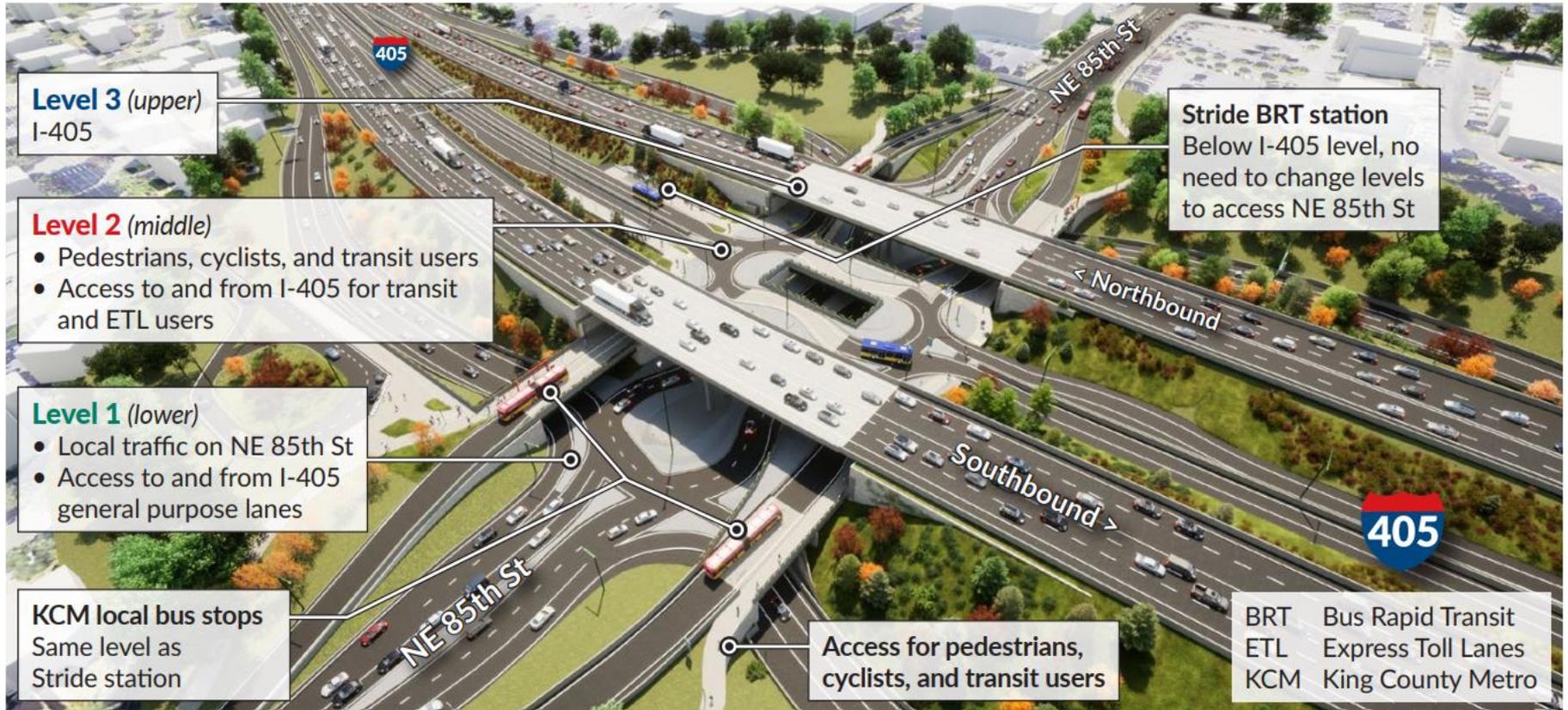
Project overview



Coordinated Projects on I-405 Corridor



The future of Northeast 85th Street



Northeast 85th Street and I-405



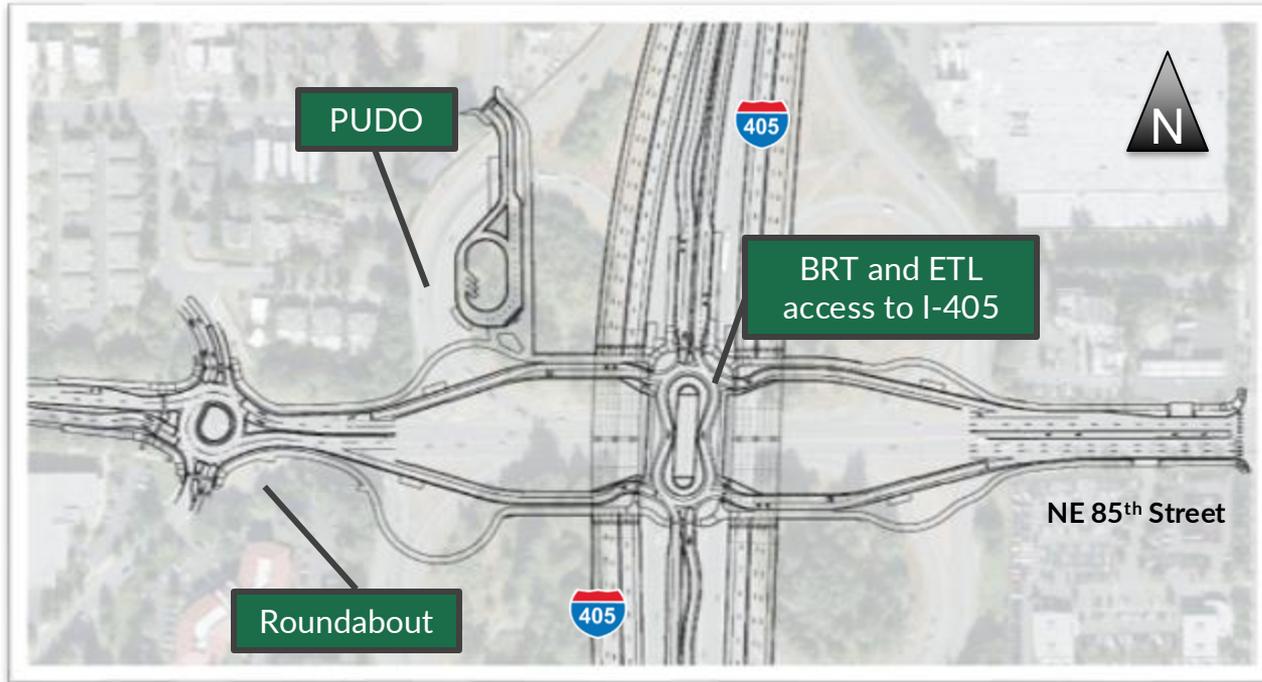
Level One

- Below existing Northeast 85th Street elevation
- Passenger and truck traffic

Level Three

- At existing I-405 elevation
- Freeway traffic

Bus Rapid Transit, Express Toll Lanes, and Pedestrians



The new middle level is at the existing NE 85th St elevation and includes:

- Access for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Express Toll Lanes (ETL)
- The Pick-Up-Drop-Off (PUDO)
- New roundabout
- Access for people who walk, bike, or roll

Stride

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Program updates

Key openings

- Downtown Redmond Link Extension
 - Opened May 10, 2025

Station, shelters, furnishings, systems:

- Construction to begin in 2026.

S1 & S2 – I-405

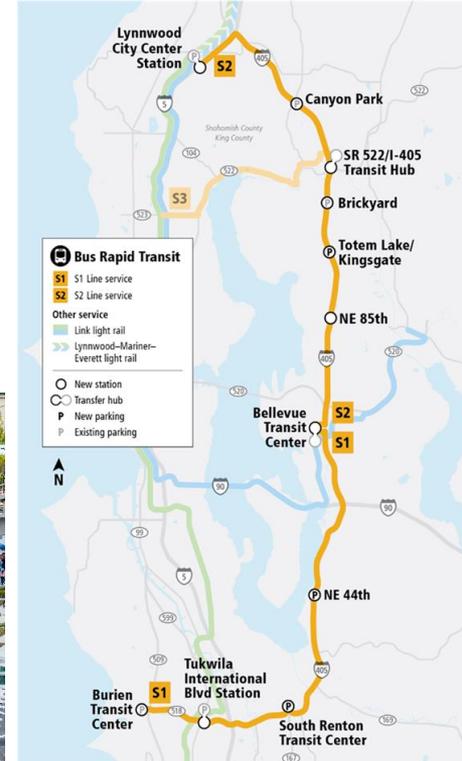
- Renton Transit Center is out for procurement.

S3

- Advertising in summer 2025.

Bus Base North

- Awarded to PCL Construction Services, Inc.



Program updates



Updated Stride bus fleet renderings

- Articulated buses will service S3.
- Double-decker buses will service S1 and S2.

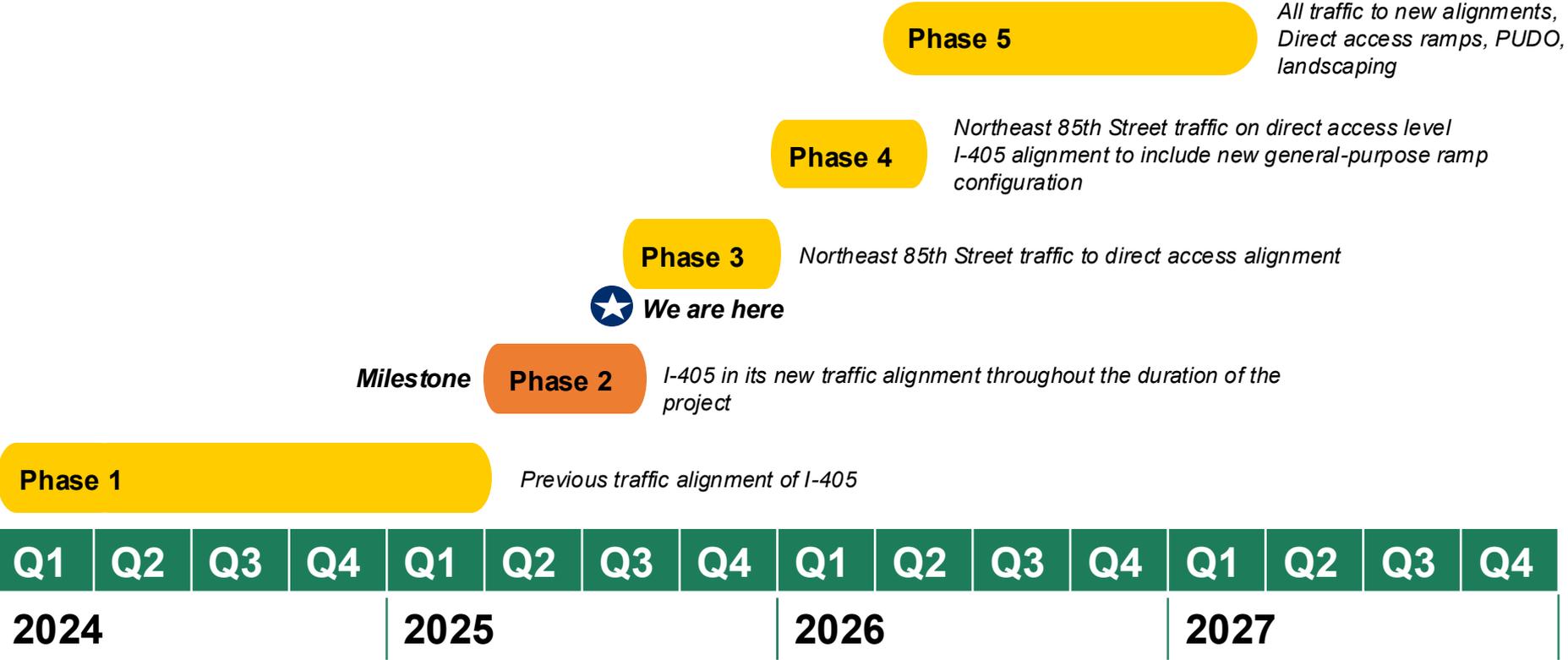
Updated ridership numbers

- Forecasted ridership for future Stride BRT lines in 2046:

Line	Boardings
S1	7,000 – 11,000
S2	11,000 – 22,000
S3	9,000 – 15,000

Construction updates

Construction schedule



Completed construction activities

- **Traffic shift:** Shifted traffic onto the new mainline I-405 bridges over Northeast 85th Street.
- **Bridge demolition:** Demolished old I-405 bridges over Northeast 85th Street.
- **Noise wall demolition:** Demolished the noise wall along the Northeast 85th Street on-ramp to southbound I-405.



The old I-405 bridges over Northeast 85th Street undergoing demolition.

In progress construction activities



Northeast 85th Street after the successful demolition of the old I-405 bridges.

- **Direct Access Level:**
Demolition and excavation of bridge materials. Roadway construction will continue through temporary alignment of Northeast 85th Street to the DA level. Utilities work to continue.

Construction activities

Spring - Summer 2025 Overview



June 2025:

- New westbound lane alignment on Northeast 85th Street.
- Southbound ramp closure for utilities and alignment.
- Northbound closure on I-405 for paving.

July 2025:

- New eastbound lane alignment on Northeast 85th Street.
- Southbound closures on I-405 paving.
- I-405 southbound on-ramp realignment.
- Northeast 85th Street closure for utilities upgrades.

August 2025:

- Southbound I-405 lane closure for fish passage connection
- Northbound on-ramp realignment

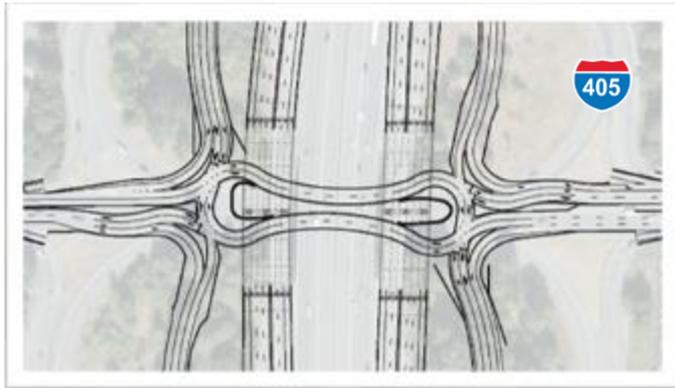
Closures are necessary for the safety of the traveling public and to accommodate additional space requirements.

Upcoming construction activities



Traffic lane shift on Northeast 85th Street

- Larger work crews on Northeast 85th Street



Upcoming City of Kirkland construction

Shared-Use Path

- Builds a connection for bikes and pedestrians from 6th Street
- Project funded primarily by ST3 initiative
- One-year construction (approx) begins this Spring with two lanes closed to traffic for the duration

Eastbound 3rd Lane

- Builds a eastbound third lane becoming a right-turn only lane at 122nd Ave NE
- Night construction expected
- Transportation elements of 3rd lane project funded by ST
- Six-month construction (approx) begins this Spring

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What to expect during construction

- Weekday, weekend, and night work
- Lane closures and reductions
- Northeast 85th Street closures (partial and full closures)
- I-405 roadway and ramp closures
- Signed detours and flaggers
- Noise, dust, exhaust, and vibrations



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How we're reducing community impacts

Minimizing noise

- Noisy work is completed during the day unless lane closures are required.
- During night work, noisy work is conducted earlier in the evening shift when possible.
- Equipment is selected for reduced noise levels.
- Vehicles use an ambient backup alarm versus the loud, audible backup alarms.
- All trucks on the night shift have bed liners to reduce impact noise.
- Horn honking for vehicle positioning is prohibited.
- Dumping trucks are prohibited from slamming tailgates while dumping.

Reducing exhaust

- Truck idle times are monitored, and engines must be shut off when not in use.

Lowering light from work zones

- Generators, light plants, and towers are set back from property lines and homes to minimize light and noise impacts on homes.

Stay in touch!

How we're keeping Kirkland informed



- Road signs
- Mailed materials and information
- Briefings, meetings, and pop-up events
- Email and website updates
- Quarterly project updates on Zoom
- Poster and flyer distribution
- Coordination and meeting with businesses near the project site

**Stay informed by
subscribing to email
updates.**

Updates include:

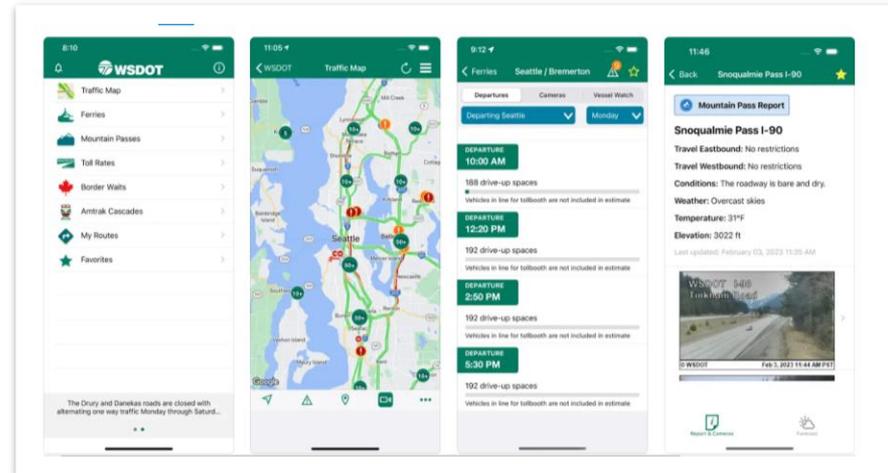
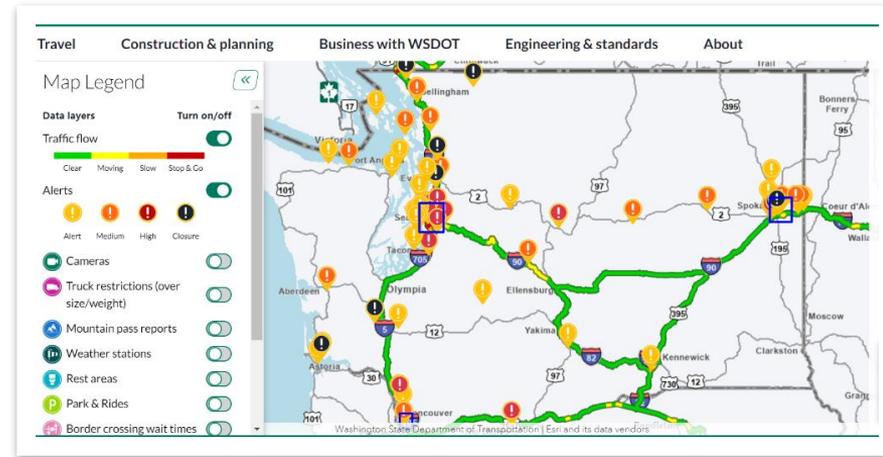
- Closures
- Lane shifts
- Nighttime or other potentially disruptive work
- Changes in work hours
- Construction milestones

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For the most up-to-date travel impacts:

- Visit our real-time travel map: wsdot.com/travel/real-time

- Download the WSDOT mobile app: Just type in the term "WSDOT" in [Google play](#) or [the App Store](#) to download the WSDOT app.



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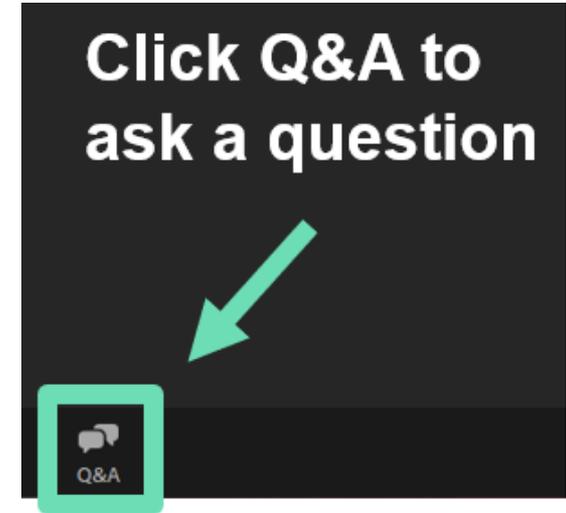


Questions, comments, or concerns?

Submit a question via Zoom Q&A window

- Keep questions focused on this project
- Submit your questions as short, complete sentences
- We will answer as many questions as possible by 1:30 p.m.

Questions specific to an individual situation can be difficult for us to answer now.



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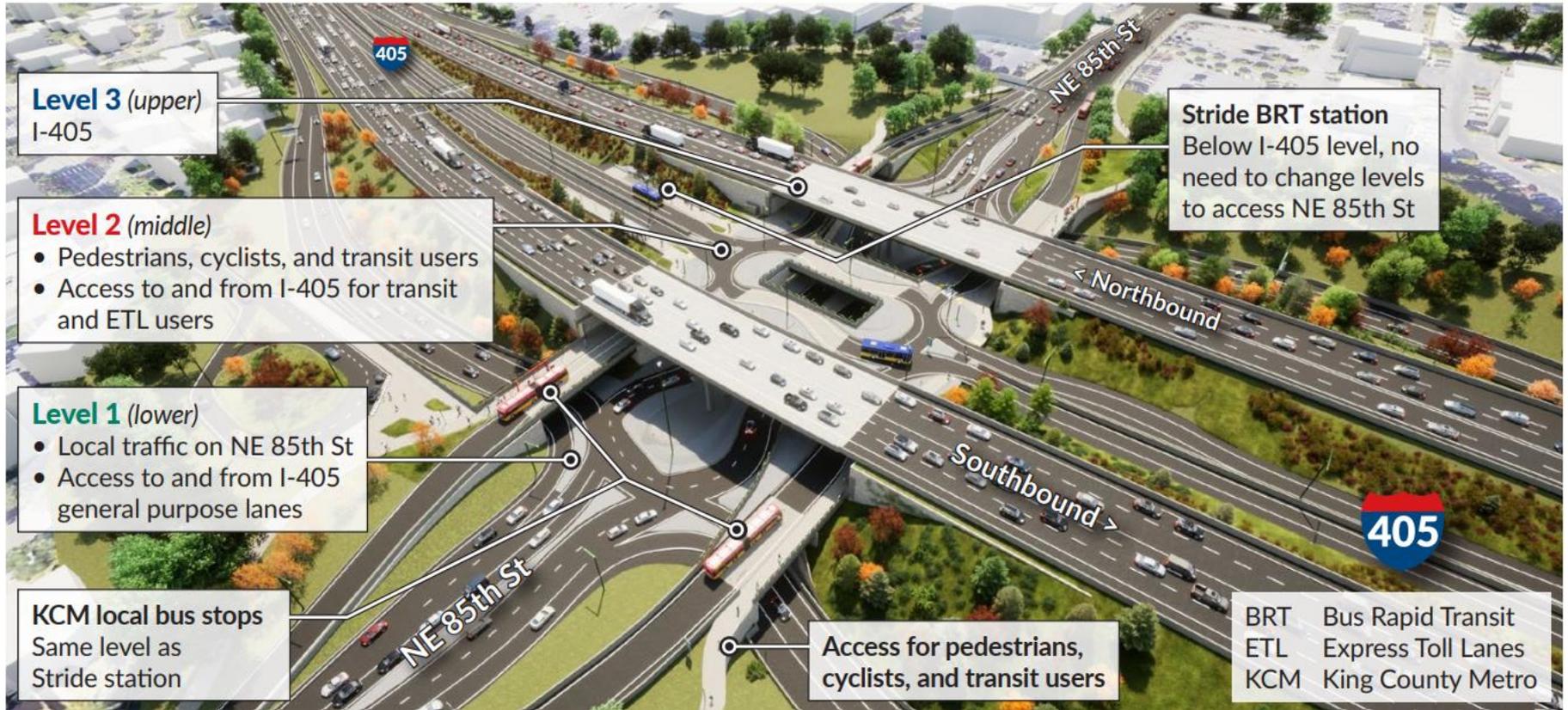


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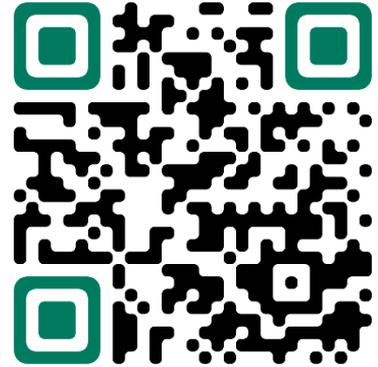
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**Thank you for
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Upcoming City of Kirkland construction

