



WEST SAMMAMISH RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Map of work zone

IN-WATER WORK STARTS IN EARLY JULY!

Starting as soon as July 1, the construction team is permitted to begin working around the clock to complete critical work on the West Sammamish River Bridge Replacement Project. The majority of the activities over the next two months will be in-water work, which is limited to a narrow period each year known as the “fish timing window,” identified as the time of year least likely to negatively impact fish and fish habitat.

WORK HOURS

- July 1 to August 4: Construction is permitted to go 24/7.
- August 5 to 31: 24/7 construction is still permitted, but in-water work starts one hour after sunrise and ends one hour before sunset.

WORK ZONE

- West side of the west (southbound) bridge between NE 175th and NE 170th streets, and in-water off the west bridge (see map).
- Work will continue north and south of the bridge and along the east side of 68th Ave NE.

WHAT TO EXPECT THROUGH AUGUST

- Loud noise, vibration and impact hammer work will occur during daylight hours.
- Noisy work will be concentrated during daylight hours but some noisy work may be performed between the hours of 6 PM and 7 AM.
- Lane closures to create a safety buffer between the construction team and traffic.
- One lane closed in each direction during nighttime hours.
- Most night work will occur on the west (southbound) bridge.
- Parking stalls on the east side of the Kenmore Boat Launch parking lot will be closed for construction. Trucks and trailers will need to park in the available right of way on 68th Ave NE and on NE 175th St.
- Nighttime water passage under the bridge may be restricted for up to 10 hours at a time.



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IN-WATER WORK DURING THE FISH WINDOW

Safety is critical to the success of this project—and that includes safety for wildlife. Salmon migrate for months at a time in the Sammamish River, which means work can't be done below the water during that time.

The City of Kenmore worked with biologists and permitting agencies to determine the times allowable to work in the water, otherwise known as the fish timing window. These narrow windows of in-water work limit the speed at

which the contractor can complete the project. The City needs three fish timing windows to finish all the necessary in-water work:

- July 1 to August 31, 2020
- July 1 to August 31, 2021
- July 15 to August 31, 2022

Construction activities over the next couple of months include: removing portions of bridge, building work trestles over water, paving work, excavation and hauling, shoring, constructing walls, and constructing shafts.

QUESTIONS?

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