



Major Traffic Revision Coming to 68th Ave NE

(West Sammamish River Bridge Project)

WHAT: Closure of the west (southbound) bridge on 68th Ave NE, moving all traffic to east bridge

WHEN: Monday, January 4, 2021 to Sunday,

October 31, 2021

WHERE: 68th Ave NE across the Sammamish

River

WHY: To stay on schedule and complete the West Sammamish River Bridge Project by fall

2022

QUÉ: Noticia de revisión del tráfico:

Clausura del puente oeste (hacia el sur) en 68th Ave. NE. Todo el tráfico se va a mover al puente del este. **CUÁNDO:** Lunes, 4 de enero hasta domingo, 31 de

octubre de 2021

DÓNDE: 68th Ave NE a través del Río Sammamish **POR QUÉ:** Para completar el Proyecto del Puente West Sammamish para el otoño de 2022

Para más información sobre este proyecto llame al 425-201-4147.

What will happen?

- On January 4, 2021, the existing west (southbound) bridge will close for demolition
- One lane maintained each direction (northbound and southbound) on east bridge (see attached maps)
- Traffic congestion and delays will increase
- Recommend alternate routes and/or adjustment of commute schedule (when possible)

Why are we doing this?

- Covid-19-related delays in delivery of critical bridge elements
- Alternative option would delay the project an additional year at a cost of up to \$2.5 million
- Council-and community-supported option for remaining on schedule

This project provides a structurally safe new bridge with a higher capacity, a new bike lane, pedestrian pathways, and a viewing platform to enhance traveler experiences.

What are the advantages?

- Majority of roadway work completed as early as June 2022 instead of September 2022 as originally scheduled
- Increased safety for workers and the public due to a work zone isolated from traffic
- Reduced environmental impacts
- Reduced need for night work
- Project completed on time and within budget

What traffic mitigation is planned?

- Traffic conditions will be monitored and if traffic congestion becomes excessive, the following mitigation measures will be considered:
 - Uniformed police officers placed at the 68th/170th and 68th /175th intersections is our first and best way to mitigate for traffic congestion. We would utilize officers as needed Monday Friday during periods when the contractor is working. There are times when police officers are not available or need to leave for emergency reasons this is unavoidable.
 - Possible alteration to the timing/phases of the 68th Ave/NE 170th St traffic signal, if appropriate.
 - Variable message signs have been placed on SR 522 warning about delays and encouraging use of alternate routes.

Note: significant traffic congestion will occur at times, and we will not always be able to fully mitigate this. Our best effort will be made to minimize the impact as much as possible.

For questions please contact:

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Visit our website at <u>kenmoreconstruction.com</u> for more information about the bridge project

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