

# **Puget Sound Gateway Program**

## **SR 509 Completion Project**

### **Highline Forum**

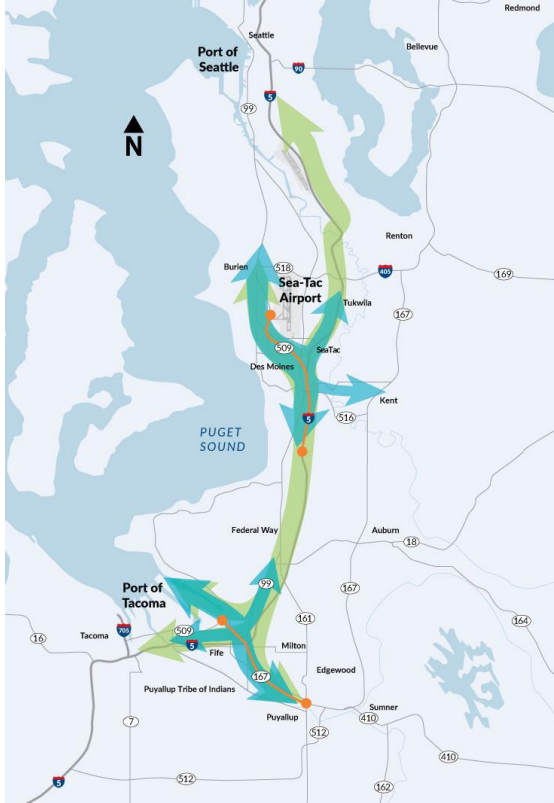
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# Agenda

- Program overview and update
- SR 509 construction progress
  - Stage 1b
  - Stage 2
- Community engagement

# Puget Sound Gateway Program



The **Puget Sound Gateway Program** is composed of two projects: the SR 167 Completion Project in Pierce County, and the SR 509 Completion Project in King County.

- Essential connections to the ports of Tacoma and Seattle
- Ensure people and goods move more reliably through the Puget Sound region
- Enhance the state's economic competitiveness by connecting the state's largest ports to key distribution centers

Delivering the projects under one program allows WSDOT to realize efficiencies in planning, environmental review, design, and construction.

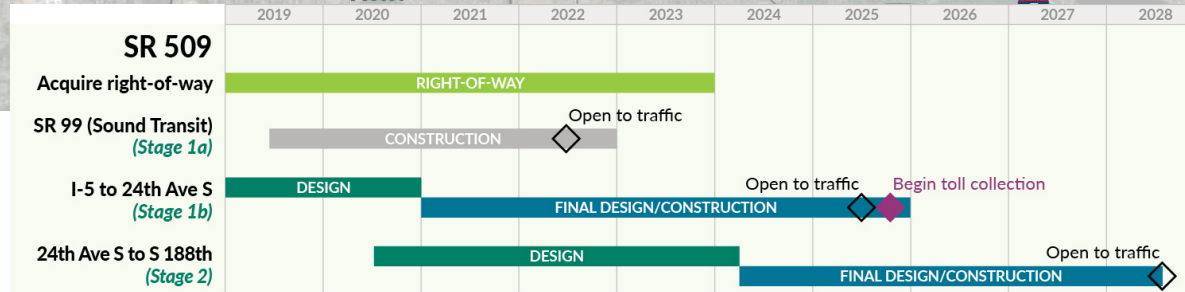
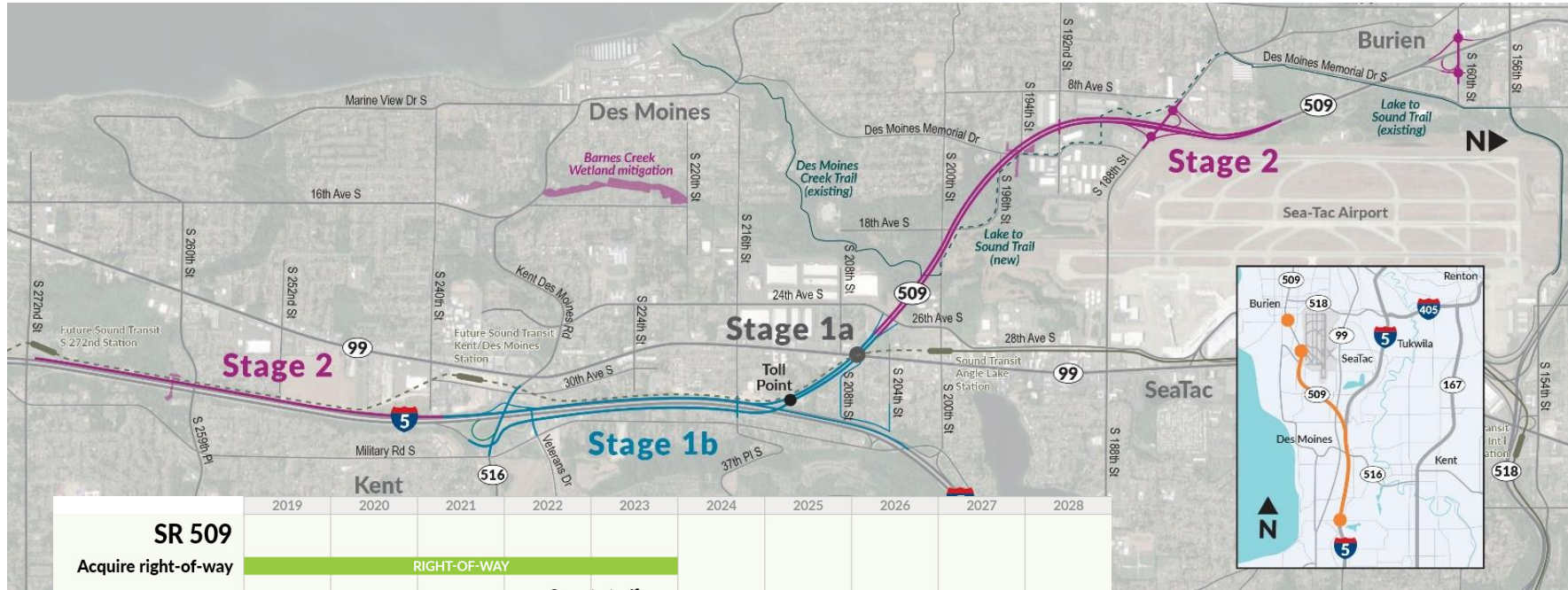
# Gateway Program contracts

D-B CONTRACTS	STAGE 1a	STAGE 1b	STAGE 2
SR 509	Open to traffic	Under construction	Under Construction
SR 167	Open to traffic	Under construction	Stage 2a Awarded 8/30 ----- Stage 2b Progressive design-build RFQ 9/9

- **Clear Creek Fish Barrier Mitigation**
  - Design-bid-build
  - Project timeline: 2026-2028 (schedule still in development)



# SR 509 Completion Project





# SR 509 Completion Project – Stage 1b

## I-5 to 24th Ave South – New Expressway

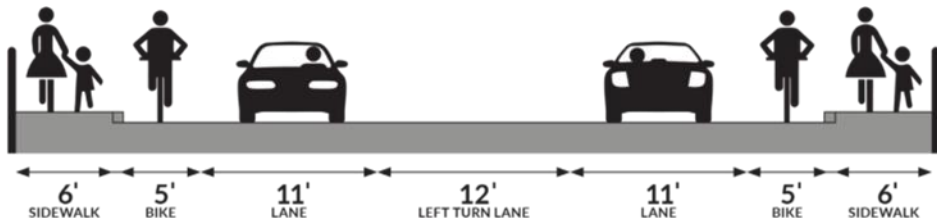
Veterans Drive tunnel



# SR 509 Completion Project – Stage 1b

## I-5 to 24th Ave South – New Expressway

S 216th St. bridge





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SR 509 looking north



I-5 looking south



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## I-5 to 24th Avenue South – New expressway



toll gantry over southbound SR 509 collector-distributor lane

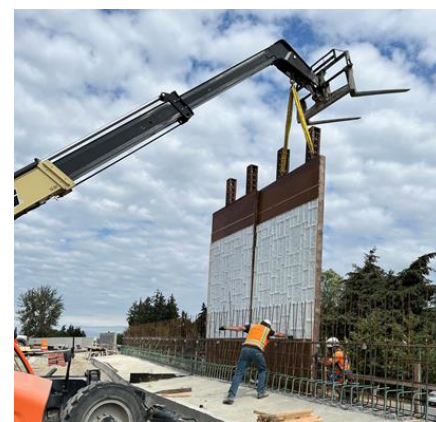


Toll gantry over northbound SR 509 expressway



# SR 509 Completion Project – Stage 1b

## I-5 to 24th Ave South – New Expressway



# SR 509 Completion Project – Stage 2

## 24th Ave South to South 188th Street – New Expressway

### Scope includes:

- Two miles of new expressway
- New interchanges and roundabouts
- Southbound I-5 auxiliary lane
- Wetland mitigation

**Construction began:** late summer 2024

**Open to traffic:** Q2 2028

### Community engagement:

Online open house available through  
Oct. 25, 2024





# SR 509, Barnes Creek Mitigation

## Stage 2



- Crews installed construction fencing and began removing invasive plants in summer 2024.
- The informal Barnes Creek Nature Trail will close periodically while crews use the trail to access the construction area.

# SR 509, S. 160th Street interchange

## Stage 2

- Work is expected to ramp up in Oct. 2024
- Additional improvements at on-ramps will include re-channelization to accommodate future traffic volumes.

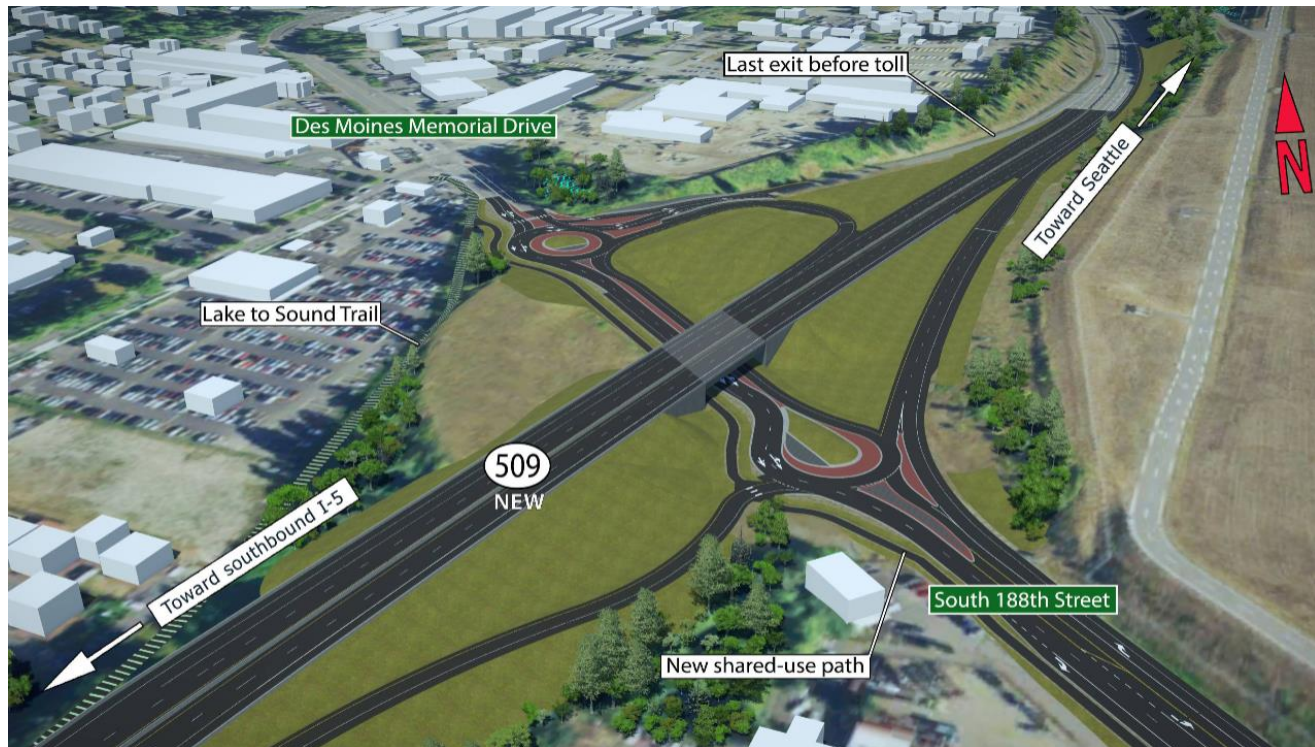




# SR 509 Completion Project – Stage 2

## SR 509/South 188th Street interchange

- The roundabout is designed to accommodate freight and other trucks.
- Crews expect to begin construction in this area as soon as summer 2025, starting with temporary ramps to create the new work zones.

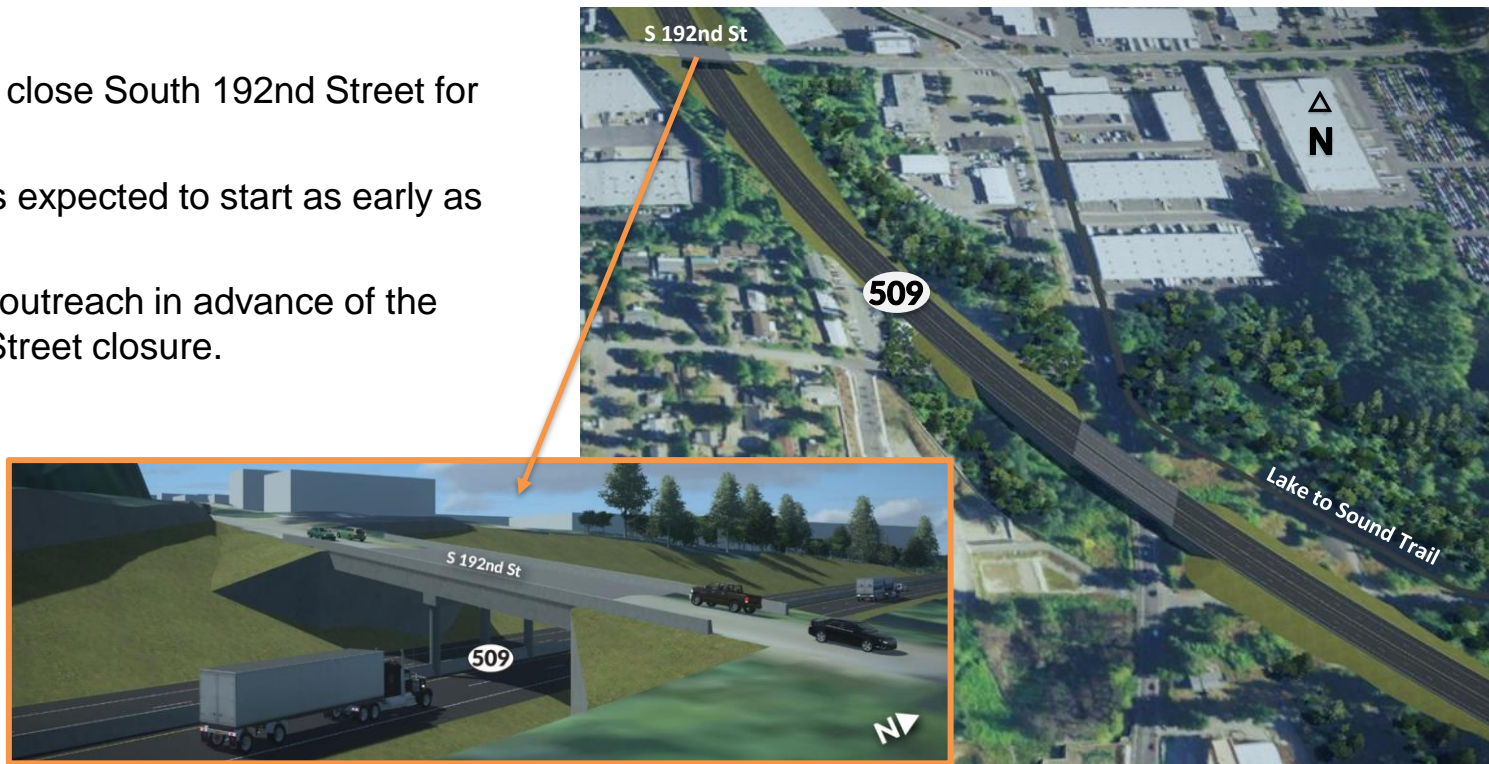


# SR 509 Completion Project – Stage 2

## SR 509/South 192nd Street bridge

Construction will close South 192nd Street for nine months.

- Construction is expected to start as early as March 2025.
- Expect robust outreach in advance of the South 192nd Street closure.





# SR 509 Completion Project – Stage 2

## Des Moines Creek Trail and new Lake to Sound Trail

- Work is expected to start as early as June 2025.
- Crews will not permanently close the Des Moines Creek Trail. When trail closures are necessary, there will be flaggers and traffic control measures to direct trail users.
- South 200th Street will remain open during the day. Frequent nighttime closures will be scheduled to build the elevated expressway.



# Community engagement

## What we've been up to

- Online interactive map with SR 509 Stage 2 features: [bit.ly/SR509map](https://bit.ly/SR509map)
- Summer tabling events: Spoke to nearly 3,000 people in 2022-2024.
  - 2024 tabling events included Burien Strawberry Days, Kent Cornucopia Days, the SeaTac Summer Market, and the Des Moines Farmers Market.
- Six open houses (virtual and in-person)
- Regular project email updates
- Construction-specific outreach to residents and businesses
- Coordination with project partners, including cities and school districts
- Community meetings, by request, throughout project area.
  - 2024 community meetings included the Des Moines Historical Society, the East African Community Services, and Wesley Retirement Community.

### Jidka Baabuurta Lacag Ku Marto

Maalgelinta madhuuca Puget Sound Gateway wuxuu ka imaanyaa maalgelin isku dhafan ee ka socota gobolka, biraada deegaanada, deeq federal iyo lacag baabuurta jidka istimaasho laga qaado. Maalgelinta guud ee madhuuca waa \$2.29 bilyan, taasoo \$180 milyan ka maan doonta lacagta baabuurta jidka istimaasho bixin doonaan.

#### Goormaan bixin doonaa lacagta jidka lagu maro?

- Lacag kama bixin doontid wadooyinka aad maanta isticmaashid.
- Haddii aad dooratid inaad isticmaasho wadooyinka cusuban ee SR 509 iyo SR 167 ee deg dega ah, waxaad bixiyeysaa lacag.
- Lacag ka qaadista wadada la qorshayay inay bilaabato marka la dhamaaystro maraalka kasta ee madhuuca (laga horeyn 2025).

#### Mega (imisa) ayaan bixin doonaa?

- Guddiga Gaadiidka ee Gobolka Washington (Washington State Transportation Commission) ayaa dejiya inta ay la egaahay lacagaha jidka lagu maro.
- Halka dejinta lacagta jidka lagu maro waxaa ka mid aha tala bixinta dadweynaha waxaana la qorshayay in la bilaabo sannadka 2024.

#### Sidee ayaan u bixin doontaa lacagta jidka lagu maro (toll)?

- Labada jid ee deg dega waxay isticmaali doonaan qaab electaroonik ah oo lacagta lagu bixiyo (Majiri doona qol lacag lagu bixiyo).
- Qiimaha jidka lagu bixiyo wuxuu ku kala duwanaan doonaa wakhtiga maaila.

#### Waa maxay sababta aad lacagta ugu bixinaysid jidkan?

- Dakhliga kaso xaroodo lacagaha jidka lagu qaado ayaa bixiya maalgelinta dhismaha madhuuca iyo diyaaradaha muddada dheer ee xarumaha cusub.
- Lacag ka qaadista jidka deg dega ah waxay u suurta galiyaan WSDOT inay maareeyso ciiriga iyo baahida wadooyinka cusuban.
- Maaminta baahida iyo ciiriga ee lacag bixinta laga helo wuxuu saamaynaya nakhshadda jidka deg dega lagu maro kuwaasoo leh baahid aan badnayn xana ku lahayn waayeylo saad ah deegaanka iyo bulshooyinka ku xeeran.



Tabling at the Des Moines Farmers Market

# Community engagement

## Stage 2 online open house

- Launched Sept. 4
- Translated to Amharic, Khmer, Pashto, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese
- Promotions include:
  - Over 10,000 postcard to nearby residents
  - Content available in all eight languages
  - News release on Sept. 4
  - Social media posts on X, Instagram, and Facebook
  - Digital ads
  - 70 yard signs
  - Email newsletter sent to 2,500+ subscribers
  - Co-promotion with project partners



*Yard sign placed near the Barnes Creek Nature Trail*



*Translated digital ads placed in culturally-relevant media outlets*

**Thank you**