CONSTRUCTION FAQS

Question: How long is construction expected to last?
Answer: Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2020 and to last until fall 2021.

Question: Will there be closures of I-5 during construction of the bridge?
Answer: We do anticipate some closures during the installation of the spans over I-5 and they’ll occur on weekends and at night. We’ll coordinate with WSDOT to finalize the details and the public will be notified in advance of the closure.

Question: What are the mitigation plans for wetlands and trails west of I-5?
Answer: Mitigation measures include replanting trees at a ratio of at least 2:1, and the site will be replanted with native species after construction. The bridge’s drainage system is designed to enhance wetlands on the west side. In addition, one trail that is being displaced near the west landing of the bridge will be relocated.

Question: How will parking be impacted during and after construction?
Answer: During construction, the North Seattle Park and Ride (10001 1st Ave NE) will be temporarily unavailable due to the staging of equipment and materials.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

We’re constructing a new, accessible, all ages and abilities pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Interstate 5 (I-5) in Northgate. The bridge will span roughly 1,900 feet, landing at North Seattle College on the west side and at 1st Ave NE and NE 100th St, near the future Sound Transit Link light rail station, on the east side. Once construction on the light rail station is complete in 2021, the bridge will help connect the neighborhood’s thriving job and retail centers with the rest of the city and the region by providing direct access to the major transit hub.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- A new connection over I-5, decreasing travel times for people walking and biking between the 2 sides of the freeway
- Safety improvements and access for people walking and biking throughout the Northgate area
- Better access to regional transit at the King County Transit Center and future Link light rail station, resulting in increased use of transit facilities

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BRIDGE SNAPSHOT

1,900 feet long
WEST APPROACH DESIGNED TO maintain sightlines AND PRESERVE natural habitat
10-minute walk FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER
16 FEET WIDE
ANTICIPATED 1,500 USERS PER DAY
EAST APPROACH DESIGNED TO preserve parking

Stay informed: The best way to stay up to date on construction progress and impacts is to visit our project webpage and sign up for email updates at www.seattle.gov/transportation/NorthgatePedBridge. You can also reach us during construction by calling 206-905-3620.

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Upon construction completion, the Northgate Ped/Bike Bridge will provide an important regional connection and a unique experience for those using it. The images below give you a look at key stops west to east along on the bridge.

### Neighborhood connection
Access to the bridge while traveling east (via the multi-use path at the north end of North Seattle College) rises gently at a grade of approximately 4% and allows for direct connection and open sightlines.

### Wildlife overlook
Heading east toward the light rail station, a wildlife overlook offers a resting spot and a view of the pond and wetlands to the south.

### Neighborhood gateway
Continuing along the span above I-5, the sweeping lines of the bridge create a memorable point of passage between communities on each side.

### Northgate station overlook
A bridge spur connects people using the bridge directly to the Link light rail station mezzanine. You can also continue toward the eastern bridge landing, at 1st Ave NE and NE 100th St.