



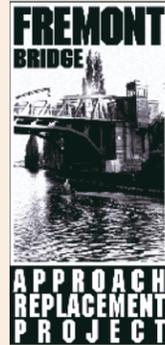
Questions? Concerns?

For additional project information, contact Seattle Department of Transportation Project Manager Lorelei Mesic at (206) 684-5178 or via e-mail at loirelei.mesic@seattle.gov.

Great things are happening in your neighborhood. Very soon, getting around will be much easier for the people who live, work and visit Fremont. These improvements will make a big difference in your life by increasing the safety of the Fremont Bridge and decreasing traffic congestion in your neighborhood.

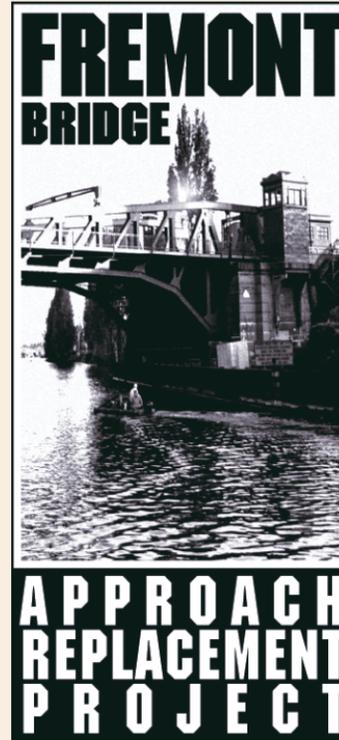
— SEATTLE MAYOR GREG NICKELS

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Fremont Bridge Deck Work to Begin Soon



In late May or early June, construction crews will close two lanes on the bridge and begin work on the bridge deck. The newly completed signal improvements will help maintain traffic flow and keep people moving through Fremont. Crews have been working under the Fremont Bridge, building support columns for the new bridge approaches. Crews have also been installing new traffic signals, updating existing signals, and improving curbs and sidewalks throughout Fremont.

Look inside for more construction-related news and information on upcoming events and meetings.

This project will improve bridge safety during an earthquake and extend our bridge's life by decades.

Check it out...

Community Open House
April 26, 5 – 8 PM

Adobe Plaza Building
801 N. 34th Street

Learn more about current projects in Fremont and what SDOT is doing to keep people moving during construction. Light refreshments available.

Bridges to Fremont Kick-off
May 14, 10 AM – 5 PM

Fremont Sunday Market

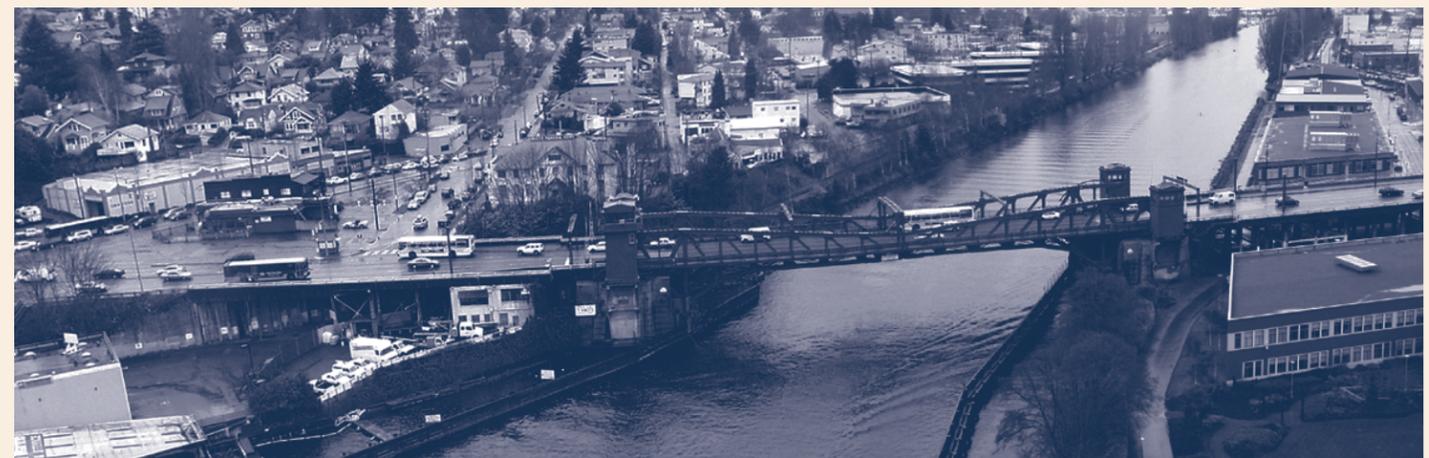
Join SDOT and local businesses for a fun Mother's Day outing to the Fremont Sunday Market. Visit the SDOT booth for project information then sign the family up for fun family activities such as chalk portraits of mom, scavenger hunt and more.

For more information, visit

www.seattle.gov/fremontbridge or the Chamber website at www.fremontseattle.com.



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What are they doing?!

Completed: Fall '05 – Spring '06 Work down under and all around

Crews just completed a new bridge foundation and support columns. Crews also improved many traffic signals and curbs throughout Fremont, along Bridge Way and at the Bridge Way on- and off-ramps to Aurora. The Burke-Gilman and Ship Canal Trails were detoured to make room for construction activities.

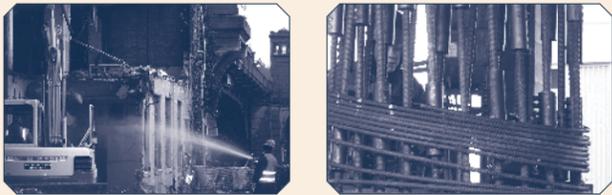
Upcoming: Spring '06 – Spring '07 New deck up top, lane closures for 10 months

In late May or early June, workers will begin work on the bridge deck which will result in partial closures (one lane in each direction will remain open along with one sidewalk for pedestrians and cyclists). During this time, only passenger cars, pick-up trucks, emergency vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists will be allowed on the bridge. Due to width restrictions, Metro Transit buses will be re-routed to the Aurora and Ballard bridges, resulting in routing and bus stop changes. Detour routes will need to be used for trucks, buses and other vehicles not allowed to cross the bridge. Detour maps are available online at www.seattle.gov/fremontbridge.

Up to ten full weekend closures will occur (with the possibility of weeknight closures being exchanged for weekend closures), in which all lanes and sidewalks are closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles. During this time, crews will also be working on the overhead superstructure. SDOT will provide a shuttle bus for pedestrians and cyclists over the Ship Canal. All full closures will be announced one week in advance.

And finally: Spring '07 – Winter '07 Mechanical odds & electrical ends

All bridge lanes, Burke-Mill Road/Canal Drive and the Burke-Gilman Trail will re-open as crews switch gears to perform mechanical and electrical upgrades to the drawspan. During this time, there will be periods when only one leaf of the bridge will be operating normally for boat traffic, though SDOT can manually open the second leaf if given advance notice. (Boat restriction information will be provided by the US Coast Guard's standard procedure.) Construction will be complete by Fall/Winter 2007. Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians should expect at least five full weekend closures, all of which will be announced at least one week in advance.



Cross-section of bridge during partial closure

During partial closures, one lane will remain open in each direction and one sidewalk will remain open for pedestrians and cyclists.



There's more than one way to get to Fremont...

Take the "High Road"

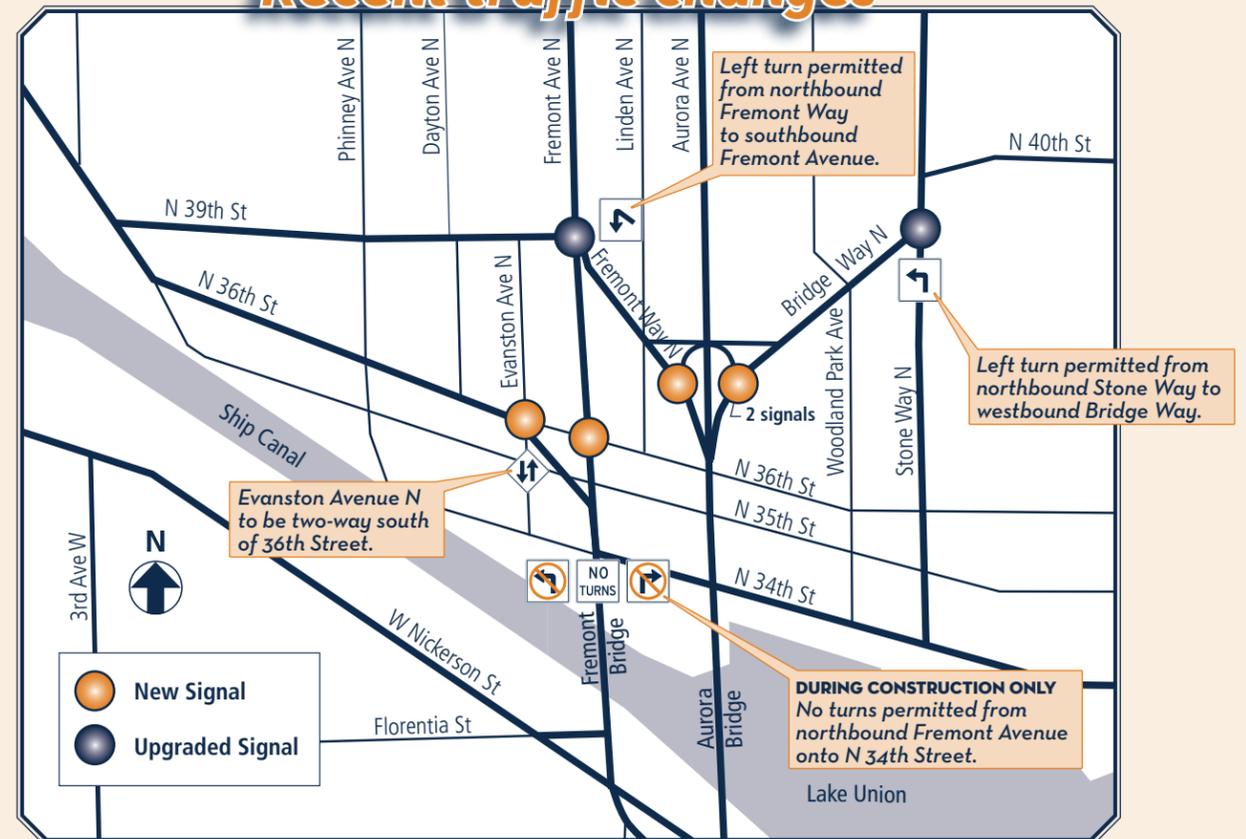
No other Seattle neighborhood can match Fremont's fun and funky attitude, and bridge work is no reason to stay away. The Aurora Bridge is an easy way for visitors to drop into the neighborhood, and there are also several Metro buses that will continue to serve the area along revised routes during construction. Visit www.seattle.gov/fremontbridge for an online map of convenient routes into Fremont.

During construction, expect all your favorite events to continue – Sunday Market, Oktoberfest, Solstice Parade, the Fremont Fair and more! For a calendar of events and list of fun places to shop, eat and visit in Fremont, visit the Fremont Chamber of Commerce website at www.fremontseattle.com.

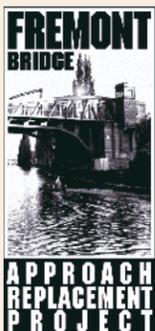
Cutting car trips = Cash!

To keep Fremont moving during construction, Seattle's "CommuterCash Fremont" will pay commuters up to \$150 for reducing their drive-alone commuting. More info: www.seattle.gov/waytogo

Recent traffic changes



The new signal improvements in and around Fremont will make it easier to get around and are all expected to be completed prior to the start of partial closures on the bridge. Visit www.seattle.gov/fremontbridge for more detailed information about these changes.



Where to Find Construction Info

Web and e-mail updates
Visit the project website and sign up to receive our bi-weekly construction updates
www.seattle.gov/fremontbridge.

Full Closure Notification Signs
Though exact dates are still being determined, variable message signs will be located on each end of the bridge one week prior to all full closures.

Contact SDOT
Contact SDOT Project Manager **Lorelei Mesic** at (206) 684-5178 or lorelei.mesic@seattle.gov.

Your Guide to Metro bus route changes – coming soon!



Once the partial closures on the Fremont Bridge begin in late May or early June, only passenger cars, pick-up trucks and emergency vehicles will be allowed on

the bridge. Cyclists and pedestrians will share one sidewalk. Metro bus routes and bus stop locations will also change during this ten-month period. For additional route information or questions, visit transit.metrokc.gov or call Metro Rider Information at (206) 553-3000. Contact Liz Gotterer, Transit Service Planner at (206) 684-1647 for transit service details.



Metro Routes 26 & 28

- ⚙ Use the Aurora Bridge rather than the Fremont Bridge
- ⚙ Use Leary Way NW and NW 39th Street rather than Nickerson Street
- ⚙ Route 26 uses Bridge Way N rather than N 35th Street and Wallingford Avenue N



Metro Route 31

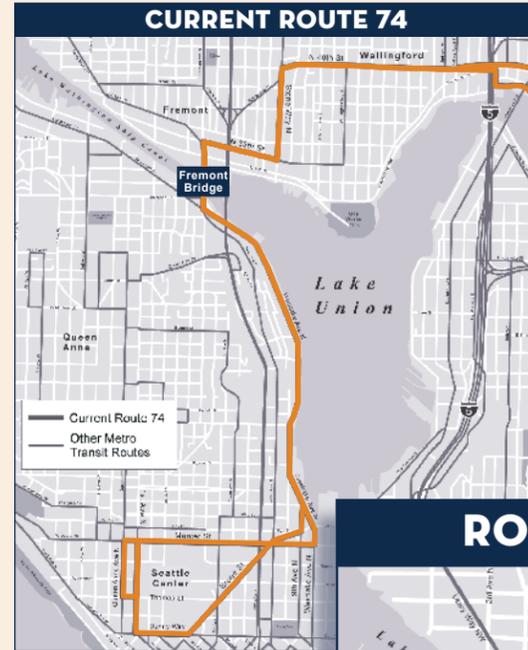
- ⚙ Uses the Ballard Bridge rather than the Fremont Bridge
- ⚙ Service operates along north side of Ship Canal instead of south side
- ⚙ Does not serve W Nickerson Street in the North Queen Anne neighborhood





Metro Route 28 Shuttle

- ⚙ Riders will transfer to and from Route 26 in upper Fremont rather than in downtown Fremont.



Metro Route 74

- ⚙ Uses the Aurora Bridge rather than the Fremont Bridge
- ⚙ Route moves from Westlake Avenue N to Aurora Avenue N
- ⚙ In Fremont, route moves from N 35th Street to Bridge Way N

