

Dr. Jose Rizal Bridge Repainting Project

About the Project

We're repainting the historic Dr. Jose Rizal Bridge, a steel bridge built in 1911, to ensure it remains functional and safe for future generations. The Dr. Jose Rizal Bridge is located southeast of downtown Seattle on 12th Ave S. It crosses over S Dearborn St and I-90, connecting the International District to Beacon Hill.

Project Timeline

- Site preparation work is scheduled to begin on March 17, 2025
- Painting work is schedule to begin during the summer and last through 2026.
- The schedule is subject to change and depends on factors such as weather and the availability of crews and materials.

Why is this Project Important?

- Regular maintenance, like repainting, prevents rust from building up and corroding the steel, keeping the bridge strong for years to come.
- While the Dr. Jose Rizal Bridge has been repainted in the past, this is the first time that we'll fully remove existing layers of paint. This will allow us to update the bridge with new eco-friendly paint.

What are we Doing?

Removing old paint

- We'll safely remove the old paint that contains lead and install a sealed containment tent under the bridge. This tent will catch old paint, rust, and debris and keep it out of the air and off the ground.

Applying new eco-friendly paint

- The new paint will protect the steel bridge from corrosion and is designated to withstand Seattle's damp, rainy weather for decades to come.

Project Details

Northern Section (owned by SDOT): We will fully repaint this part of the bridge, including the steel components, arches, girders, floor beams, columns, and top deck surfaces.

South Section (owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation): Here, we will paint only the top surfaces, including the poles and railings.



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How Will this Work Impact You?

Work on the top deck of the bridge on 12th Ave S

- 12th Ave S will remain fully open, both car and bike lanes (north and south).
- We will keep at least one sidewalk open.
- This work won't affect bus routes or bus stops.
- We will place detour signs to guide people through work areas.

Work under the bridge, at the intersection of S Dearborn St and 12th Ave S

- S Dearborn St will remain fully open, except during nighttime work and bike barrier removal activities.
- We will keep the sidewalk open, except during occasional nighttime work.
 - > Occasional work will happen at night between 9 PM and 6 AM.
 - > We will keep at least one lane open in each direction (east and west).
 - > This work won't affect bus routes or bus stops.
 - > Flaggers will direct traffic and help people driving and biking navigate detours safely.
- We'll temporarily remove a section of the west and eastbound bike barrier under the bridge.

Work under the bridge on I-90

- Temporary closures of traffic lanes under the bridge on I-90.
- We'll share updates on our website when these closures occur.

Business Access

- The repainting of Dr. Jose Rizal Bridge will not affect access to businesses in the Chinatown International District.

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