

Willamette River Crossing

West side traffic and access management



The Willamette River Crossing project will deliver water to the west side of the river, even after an earthquake. The improvements we're making will enhance our water system's resilience and reduce future risks, ensuring safe and abundant water for generations to come.

This two-year project will require road closures, lane shifts, and detour routes for people who use and travel through the area. We will continue to work hard to minimize impacts by sharing advance notification with details around what to expect during construction. Work will begin in early 2023 and take up to two years to complete.

Work zones

Construction will occur in different segments on both sides of the river. Each segment requires different construction methods and traffic planning. Not all segments will be under construction at the same time.



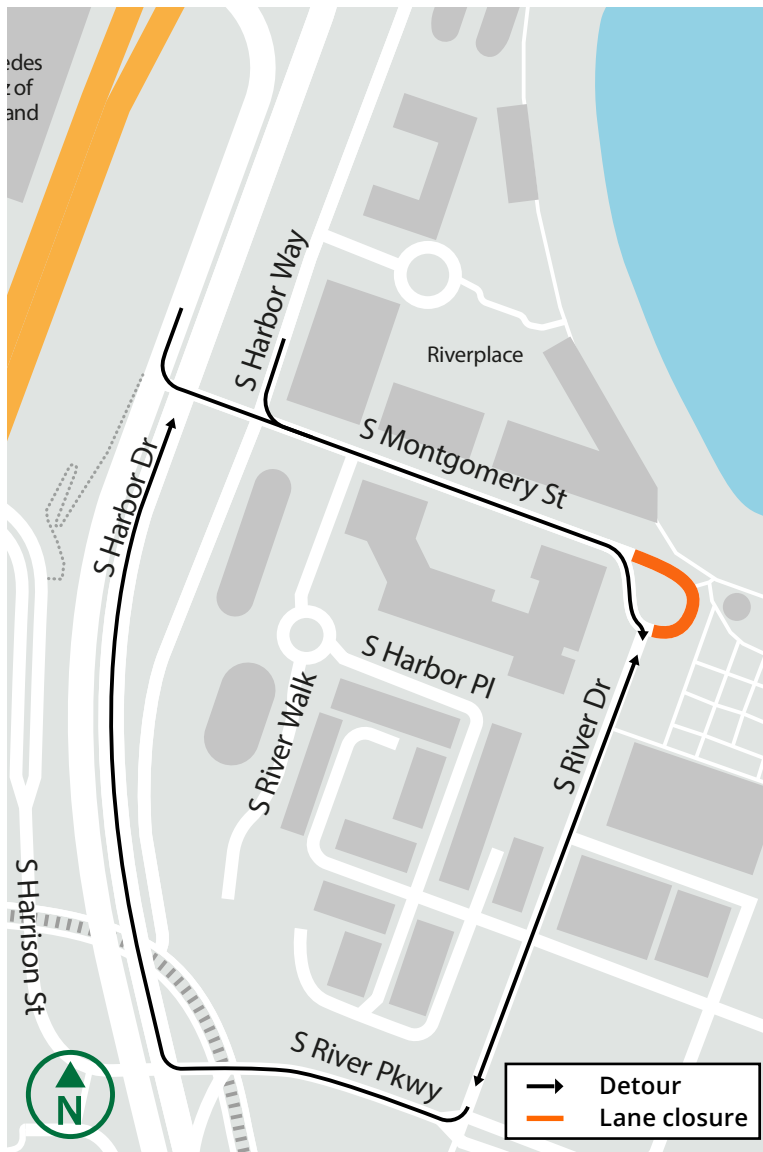
Traffic impacts and detours by location on the west side of the river



S Harbor Drive between S Montgomery Street and SW Market Street

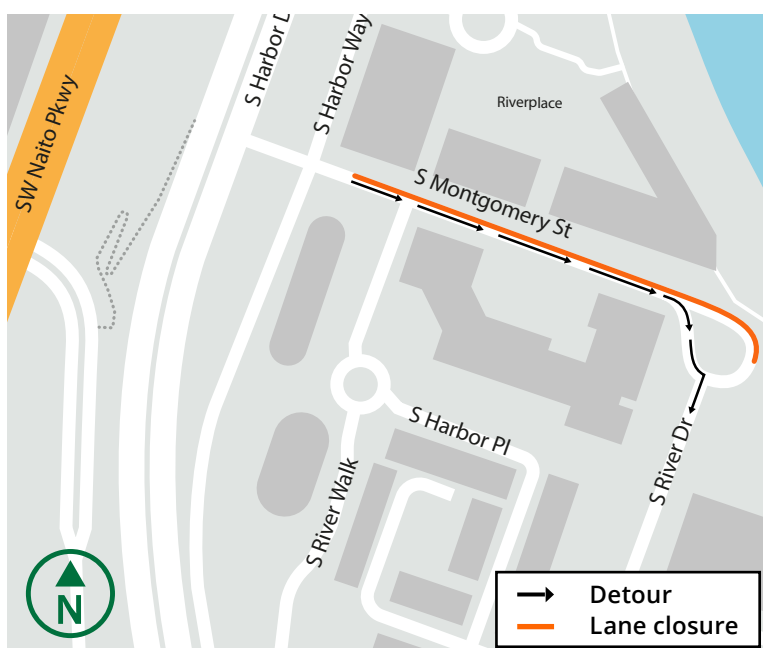
- The S Montgomery Street pedestrian path will be closed for periods of time during construction.
- Pedestrians will detour at the intersection of S Montgomery Street and Harbor Drive during active construction periods.
- Workers will place temporary accessible ramps at raised medians.
- Bicyclists will continue to share the road with motor vehicle traffic.
- Some southbound lanes will be closed during active construction periods. At least one through lane will be maintained. Left turn lane availability will depend on construction activity.

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South Waterfront Park roundabout and surrounding area

- The north and east sides of the S Montgomery Street/S River Drive roundabout will be closed during construction.
- Parking will be restricted along the eastern edge of the roundabout during active construction periods.
- S Montgomery Street will be converted to one-way eastbound to direct traffic around the partial closure at the South Waterfront Park roundabout.
- Pedestrian access will be closed on the northeast side of the roundabout. Pedestrian access will be maintained along S Montgomery Street.
- Bike access on S Montgomery Street and S River Drive will be maintained.
- Delivery access will be maintained on the north side of S Montgomery Street in the existing loading zone area.
- S River Drive northbound will be maintained as local access only.
- Access to the Esplanade will be maintained.
- Parking will be restricted along the eastern edge of the roundabout during active construction periods.



S Montgomery Street

- One-way traffic through the roundabout will be maintained. Eastbound traffic along S Montgomery Street and two-way traffic along S River Drive will be maintained with flaggers.
- Pedestrian access will be detoured to the sidewalk on the west side of the roundabout and through the community garden area during active drilling and shaft installation.
- The park will be restored after construction is complete.



Heavy machinery will be used to excavate trenches during open-cut construction.

What to expect during construction:

- Typical weekday work hours are 7 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Minimal night and weekend work will be required.
 - Lane restrictions will occur during active work periods. Local access will be maintained when feasible.
 - Pedestrian access will be maintained using detours when sidewalks and walkways are temporarily closed.
 - Safety barriers will include signage and fencing.
 - Parking will be restricted.
 - The contractor will work with businesses and vendors to ensure delivery access.
 - Bus stops may be temporarily relocated.
 - Emergency access will be maintained at all times.
- *Start date, duration, and work hours are subject to change due to permitting, weather, and other factors.*

Being a good neighbor

Keeping community members informed is a priority for us during this work. We will continue to communicate with residents, businesses, and interested groups to help minimize construction impacts. Some of the ways we will share the information you need to plan ahead include:

- Community meetings and briefings
- Regular email and text message updates
- Flyers at your door
- Signage around your community
- Social media updates
- A construction information hotline
- Prompt, individualized responses to inquiries

For more information

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