

# CONSTRUCTION ALERT: SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO SR 500 THIS FALL



OCTOBER 2018

## Dear Neighbor,

This fall, WSDOT plans to reconfigure the intersections at SR 500 and NE Falk Rd./NE 42nd Ave. and NE Stapleton Rd./NE 54th Ave. to Right In, Right Out turns only. This concept was chosen after extensive input from the community and partners because it balances significant safety improvements to SR 500, while maintaining some connectivity to the highway from local streets.

In early September, a contract was awarded to Cascade Bridge, LLC to remove the traffic lights at the two intersections, install a barrier in the middle of highway, restripe the roadway to extend merge lanes, and reconfigure both intersections to safely direct traffic onto and off of SR 500. These changes are expected to reduce the number of collisions at or near the intersections by up to 70 percent, as well as to improve travel times and reliability on SR 500.

## What to expect during construction

- To allow the contractor to complete the work as quickly as possible, a full closure of SR 500 between NE Andresen Rd. and NE St. Johns Rd. will be required for one weekend, currently planned for late October.
- Additional work requiring shoulder closures is expected in mid-October leading up to the weekend closure, but is not anticipated to have other traffic impacts.
- Construction work could be delayed until next year if weather conditions are not favorable.

## Changes in how you travel

For travelers using sidewalks or bicycle facilities, the overcrossing at NE Falk Rd./NE 42nd Ave will remain in place, but the ability to cross SR 500 at NE 54th Ave./NE Stapleton Ave. will be removed until a new grade-separated pedestrian/bicycle crossing can be designed and constructed. We are exploring options with local service providers to mitigate the effects of this closure and are looking for opportunities to expedite funding for a new crossing if possible.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we work to implement these safety improvements.

Sincerely,  
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Para mejorar la seguridad en la SR 500, el Departamento de Transporte del Estado de Washington eliminará la capacidad de cruzar la SR 500 en NE Stapleton Road / NE 54th Avenue. El trabajo está programado para ocurrir en octubre, sin embargo, el clima seco es necesario para completarlo. Los ciclistas y peatones no podrán cruzar la SR 500 en la NE Stapleton Rd./ NE 54th Ave. hasta que se pueda construir un puente. Para información adicional visite: [www.SR500Changes.com](http://www.SR500Changes.com)

В целях повышения безопасности на SR 500 Департамент транспорта штата Вашингтон (Washington State Department of Transportation) демонтирует светофоры на SR 500 в районе NE Falk Rd. / NE 42nd Ave. и NE 54th Ave. / NE Stapleton Rd. Эта работа запланирована на октябрь, но её проведение будет зависеть от погоды. Пешеходы и велосипедисты смогут пересекать SR 500 на перекрёстке Northeast Stapleton Road/Northeast 54th Avenue только после сооружения перехода на отдельном уровне. Дополнительная информация приведена по адресу: [www.SR500Changes.com](http://www.SR500Changes.com)

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROJECT: [WWW.SR500CHANGES.COM](http://WWW.SR500CHANGES.COM)**



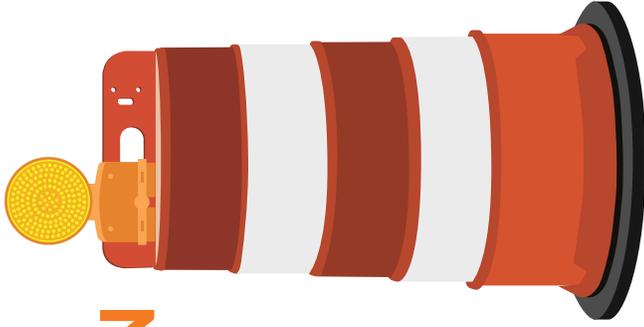
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