

I-90 Sunset Creek— Fish Passage Improvements Project

Overview

As part of the state's fish recovery efforts, WSDOT has made it a priority to reconnect waterways where our roads act as barriers. In western Washington, that means building hundreds of fish passable structures under state highways in the next decade to create habitat gain essential for meeting our fish recovery goals. Beginning in 2023, WSDOT will build multiple structures under I-90 and local roads near Bellevue to restore natural stream conditions in Sunset Creek.

Project Benefits

- Building four new fish passages under I-90, Southeast Eastgate Way and Southeast 36th Street, to return Sunset Creek to its natural stream conditions and open important spawning habitat to help several species recover.
- Revitalizing Sunset Creek to support the return of fish and many other species to their natural habitat, benefiting Tribes and their treaty-based fishing rights.
- Boosting the area's economy by creating more than 100 construction jobs.



What to Expect

I-90 travelers and users of local roads can expect:

- Long-term lane reductions and lane shifts for both directions of I-90.
- A single lane of alternating traffic on Southeast 36th Street for up to 1½ years.
- Temporary shared use trail shift along the Mountain to Sound Trail and Sunset Ravine Trail.
- A six-month full closure of Southeast Eastgate Way.
- Roadway and stream restoration, adding native plants, logs and boulders to support fish habitat.

This project is bundled with two other fish passage projects on SR 161 and SR 202 and 203 into one contract. Construction is scheduled to occur from 2023–2026. The work on I-90 begins in spring of 2023 with the work on SR 161 taking place in 2024 and the work on SR 202 and 203 taking place in 2023 and 2025.

Stay informed

We will post important project updates as work progresses to our social media channels and weekly traffic news email.

Visit the project webpage for more information or to sign up to receive email updates: bit.ly/I-90-SunsetCreekFish

Learn more about the I-90 West Fish Passage project on the WSDOT blog: wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2022/12/one-fish-two-fish-three-fish-passages.html

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