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Cleanup Construction News

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Cleanup Construction Season 2 Starts Soon!

This October, the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group (LDWG), which consists of The Boeing Company, the City of Seattle, and King County, will start the second season of Lower Duwamish Waterway upper reach construction to remove contaminated sediment in the waterway. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is overseeing the sediment cleanup process of this Superfund site, following the plan defined in the 2014 Record of Decision.

Construction in the upper reach, the southernmost two miles of the site, is scheduled to occur from October to February for three years, ending in February 2027. In-water construction activities are restricted to these months to protect certain fish species. LDWG completed in-water work for the first construction season from November 2024 - February 2025, with the second season beginning October 1, 2025. Click the map below to view the cleanup areas.

Map of cleanup
areas

What to Expect During Construction Season 2

Beginning October 1, the construction contractor will begin dredging contaminated sediment near the South Park Bridge and Duwamish River People's Park. Learn more about how we clean up the river [here](#).

Compared to the first construction season, cleanup activities this season will be more visible as the work moves closer to the South Park Bridge, homes, parks, and marinas. The community can expect multiple barges and equipment working on the water, lights for safe work during dark hours, and typical construction equipment noise.

Season 2 construction hours will be weekdays and Saturdays and will occur during both the daytime and nighttime. Work hours will vary based on factors, such as tides and the type of work being conducted (e.g., dredging or placing clean material). Work will be coordinated with Tribal fishing. During the first three weeks of October, in-water

construction work is not currently planned for Mondays and Tuesdays when Tribal fishing is most active.

Our outreach team will keep the community informed as construction progresses. Information about the construction impacts will also be available on our Construction News page at ldwg.org/construction-news.



An excavator mounted on a barge dredging sediment from the river during Season 1 construction. Photo Credit: Boeing.

Plan Ahead for Overnight South Park Bridge Closures

At times, construction work will require full closure of the South Park Bridge for equipment access and safety. As per bridge requirements, closures will not occur during the peak morning and afternoon commute hours (between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.).

Upcoming Overnight Bridge Closures of South Park Bridge Wednesday, October 1 – the morning of Sunday, October 5, 2025

The South Park Bridge will be fully closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic for four nights, from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., starting the evening of October 1 and ending the morning of October 5. During this time, the bridge will be in the 'open' position to accommodate dredging activities underneath the bridge. Recreational vessels may be diverted around the construction work during closures.

Depending on the progress of cleanup work under the bridge, King County Road Services may need to close the bridge to traffic again overnight on Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11.

Please note that throughout the construction season, construction vessels that travel under the South Park Bridge may need short-term bridge openings to

allow safe passage, like any other tall vessel (except during peak commute hours).

You can expect additional South Park Bridge closures later this fall and winter. LDWG and the construction team are coordinating closely with King County Road Services and other partners to keep everyone informed about when these closures will occur. The Outreach Team will provide advance notification to the community.

Closures will be announced through the weekly LDWG Construction Email Newsletter, social media, flyers in the community, emails to local organizations, standard road closure signage, and by King County Road Services' [My Commute](#) platform.



South Park Bridge in the “open” position (King County Road Services)

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