

WSDOT offers trip-planning resources during SR 104 Hood Canal Bridge closure

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SHINE – In just two weeks, the way people travel to and from the Olympic Peninsula will temporarily change. The SR 104 Hood Canal Bridge closes for approximately six weeks May 1. WSDOT wants to remind drivers that the Olympic Peninsula will remain open for business, even though the trip there will take a little longer. WSDOT has developed resources, including a hotline (1-877-595-4222) and a Web site (www.HoodCanalBridge.com), to help travelers know their travel options. The Web site now features videos on how to get around, transit schedules and an interactive online map to plan trips to and from the peninsula.

“People using these resources to plan ahead can determine which of the transportation options make the most sense for them.” said Dave Ziegler, principal engineer for the project. “Traveling to and from the peninsula won’t be easy, but we hope people will be patient and are reassured by the fact that in about six weeks they’ll have a wider, safer, more reliable bridge.” Transportation options include: A fare-free, passenger-only water shuttle between Jefferson and Kitsap counties with fare-free transit connections, and nearby park and rides A Sunday through Thursday reservation-based car ferry between Port Townsend and Edmonds to assist freight haulers and drivers A fare-free, reservation-based medical bus service that will transport people to and from the Olympic Peninsula, Kitsap County and Seattle Driving around on US 101 and SR 3 Ridesharing Booking flights on local airlines, and rides on buses and boats WSDOT is helping travelers “know before they go” by regularly updating its [Web site](#), [blog](#) and project information line 1-877-595-4222, sending [regular e-mail updates](#), and providing the latest views of the highways via traffic cameras. Drivers can get up-to-the-minute information on incidents that affect traffic by calling 511, listening to WSDOT’s highway advisory radio, getting text message updates, or viewing signs along the highway. The Hood Canal Bridge retrofit and replacement is now 91 percent complete. For more information, visit www.HoodCanalBridge.com.