



Marine advisory: temporary changes coming to SR 513 Montlake Bridge openings over three weekends

Project description

This spring, contractors working for WSDOT will return to the Montlake Bridge in Seattle to complete paving work at each end. The work should only take one full weekend to complete, but is highly weather dependent. WSDOT has identified three possible weekends to complete the work:

- April 22 - 25
- May 20 - 23
- June 3 - 6

On the week leading up to the proposed closure, WSDOT and the contractor will evaluate the forecast. If adverse weather is expected, work will be postponed until the next available weekend and communicated on the project webpage. For example, if conditions do not allow work to be completed April 22-25, work will be rescheduled for May 20-23.

Changes for boats requiring a bridge opening

With crews and equipment staged on the bridge, the following changes for boaters that require a bridge opening will be in place:

- Single-leaf openings for boat traffic from Friday evening at 11 p.m. through Monday morning at 5 a.m. This means only one side of the bridge will open for boat traffic.
- Double-leaf openings require 24-hour notice to the bridge operator: (206) 720-3048, or VHF-FM Channel 13.

Signage around the bridge will indicate which leaf will open. These signs may change without prior notice.

Clearance information (See reverse side for more)

Based on the average water level of Lake Washington, the following clearances are expected for boaters passing through the Montlake Cut:

- **With both sides down:** 30 feet of vertical navigation clearance, and 46 feet of vertical clearance throughout the center 60 feet of the bridge.
- **Single-leaf (one side raised):** horizontal navigation clearance of 64.5 feet.
- **Double-leaf (both sides raised):** horizontal navigation clearance of 129 feet.

Safety in the Montlake Cut

With bridge openings reduced to a single leaf, boaters may notice queuing and waits on either side of the bridge. We urge all boaters to travel at a reduced speed, avoid passing others going the same direction and keep a safe distance from other boats.

Stay informed

- Check the project website: bit.ly/MontlakeBridge2022
- View the United States Coast Guard's Notice to Mariners: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm13122022.pdf>

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Bridge operator
(206) 720-3048 or VHF-FM
Channel 13.

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Single-leaf openings upon request, double-leaf openings require 24-hour notice

This spring, contractor crews working for WSDOT will return to the Montlake Bridge in Seattle to complete paving work near the bridge following last year's grid deck replacement. Because the work is highly weather dependent, WSDOT has identified three possible weekends to complete the work:

- April 22 - 25
- May 20 - 23
- June 3 - 6

Only one weekend should be needed and when finalized WSDOT will share that information through social and traditional media and the project webpage.

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The graphic below shows an example of a single-leaf opening and bridge clearance heights based on the average water level of Lake Washington. For more information, visit bit.ly/MontlakeBridge2022.

