

COWEN PARK BRIDGE

SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS



At the City of Seattle, we are continuing to follow guidance from federal, state, and local leaders and our public health partners regarding COVID-19. State officials have determined that work on public works projects can continue during the Governor's stay-at-home order provided that appropriate safety measures are in place.

The Seattle Department of Transportation is continuing with essential transportation (public works) projects to the greatest extent practicable during these times. The health and safety of our workers and the public is our first priority. Our contractors have updated their Health and Safety Plans to incorporate best management practices with respect to COVID-19 throughout our construction work sites. If a situation arises where a contractor is unable to maintain these practices on a work site, or the Governor orders that work on public works projects must stop, the contractor shall temporarily suspend work until the work can be performed safely and legally.

We will notify you if there are any changes to the project schedule or planned work.

You can learn more about COVID-19 at www.kingcounty.gov/covid.

Cowen Park Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project Update – April 2020

You are receiving this email because you attended an outreach event, spoke with project staff, or subscribed online. Please forward this email to others that would like to receive email updates for the [Cowen Park Bridge Seismic Retrofit](#). They can [sign up for the project listserv here](#).

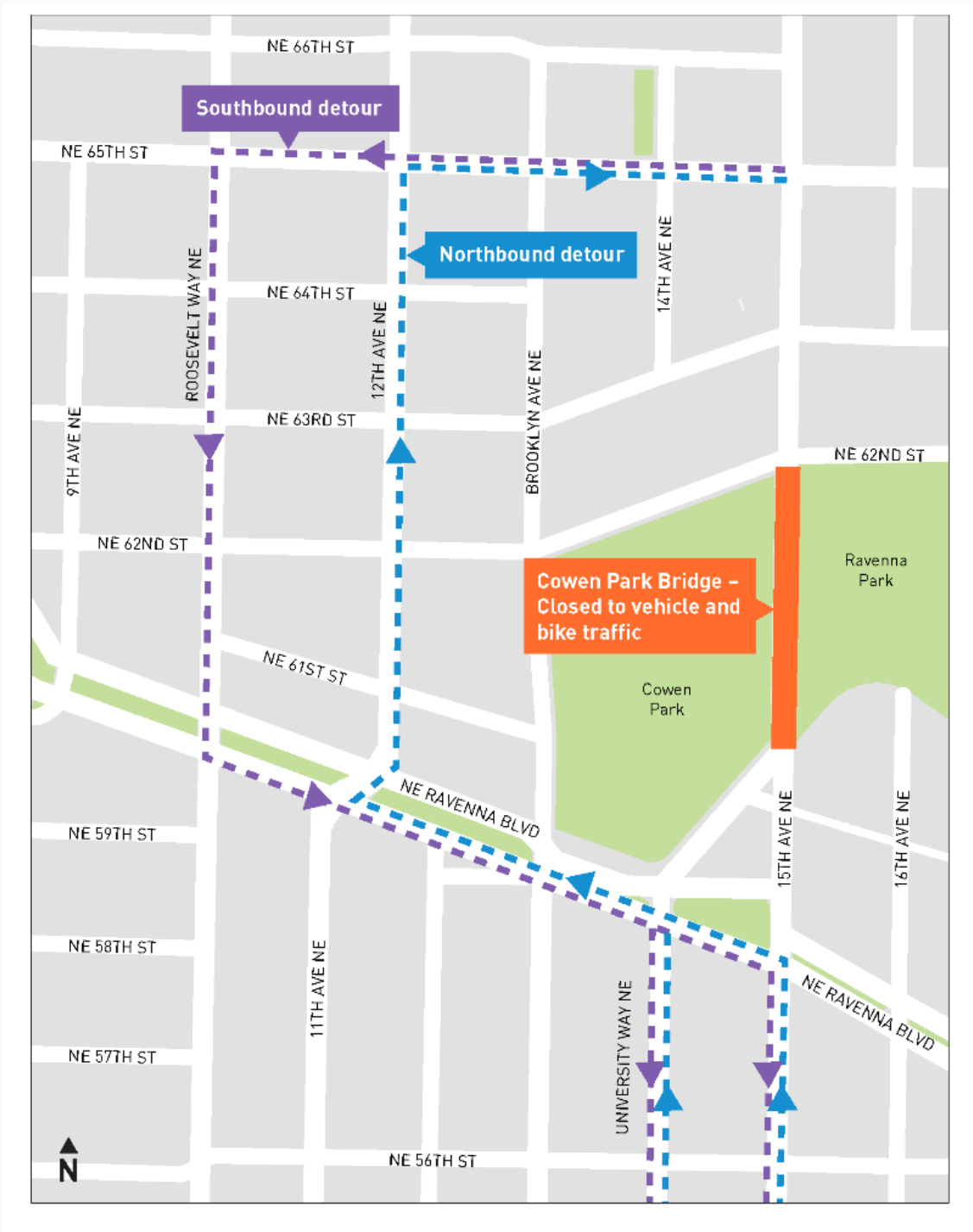
What's Happening Now?

We have finished strengthening the bridge with carbon fiber reinforced polymer and reinforcing the bridge's crossbeams, columns, and arches with concrete blocks. Over the next few weeks, we will be constructing supportive shells for the bridge columns, restoring landscaping under the bridge, and replacing the bridge's expansion joints.

Upcoming Weekend Work and Bridge Closure: Friday, April 24 – Monday, April 27

To replace the expansion joints safely and efficiently, we will need to temporarily close the bridge to all vehicle and bike traffic. Access will be maintained for people walking across the bridge. **The bridge will be closed from 12:00 PM (noon) Friday, April 24, through 6:00 AM Monday, April 27. During this work please expect:**

- Detours for people driving and biking (**see map below**)
 - People walking will be directed to one side of the bridge while we work on the other side
- Extended weekend work hours of 8 AM – 10 PM, Friday and Saturday
 - Regular weekend work hours of 8AM – 5PM on Sunday
- Noise, dust, and vibrations during work hours
- Equipment and construction materials near the site, including trucks using the access road to the west from Brooklyn Ave NE, to move materials and equipment in and out of the work zone



This work is weather dependent; if crews are unable to replace the bearing pads April 24-27, the closure will be rescheduled to the following weekend, May 1-4. We will notify neighbors of any changes to the schedule through [this listserv](#) and our [project webpage](#).

Thank you for your patience during this work!

Project Description

We are making seismic improvements to the [Cowen Park Bridge](#). Earthquakes could have a significant, detrimental effect on Seattle's infrastructure. To address seismic risks to city infrastructure, the City of Seattle established a [bridge seismic retrofit program](#) to assess the seismic vulnerability of the City's bridges and to prioritize limited funding to reduce this transportation infrastructure vulnerability. As part of the [Levy to Move Seattle](#), 16 bridges were selected for seismic retrofits, including the Cowen Park Bridge.

We Want to Keep You Up to date

We'll continue to contact neighbors directly, send email updates, and post web updates to keep everyone informed of upcoming construction. For more information about the project please visit our [project webpage](#).

Please tell your friends, family, customers, neighbors, and local businesses to reach out to us with any questions and to [sign up for these email updates](#).

Contact us with questions about construction: email CowenParkBridge@seattle.gov or call (206) 775-8734.

