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## SR 305 Agate Pass Bridge gets fresh paint

*Bridge will remain open during the two-year preservation project*

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND – The State Route 305 Agate Pass Bridge is getting a makeover – but it’s about more than appearances.

An upcoming fresh coat of paint is far more than cosmetic. Steel truss bridges require a solid coat of paint to extend their life by protecting against rust.

As soon as Wednesday, May 15, contractor crews for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin bringing crews and equipment to the bridge. This [large effort](#) will strip the Agate Pass Bridge to bare metal. Crews will then repaint the structure, which is the only bridge connecting the Kitsap Peninsula with Bainbridge Island.

“The Agate Pass Bridge hasn’t had a full-scale paint job since 1991,” said WSDOT Project Engineer Michele Britton. “It’s a big project to help protect this key transportation link against wind, rain and marine air for years to come.”

### Keeping people moving

WSDOT will keep both lanes of the bridge open during most of the work. Drivers can expect occasional evening one-way alternating traffic. The speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph. One sidewalk will remain open.

### Section by section approach

Crews will work in one section of the bridge at a time. For each section, crews will:

- Install a containment system to help protect the environment.
- Construct a work platform within the containment system.
- Remove existing paint, repair or replace any damaged steel, apply new primer and paint.

Painting requires mostly dry and warm weather. The work as well as associated reduced speed limit and sidewalk closure will occur during the warm months over two years. The project is anticipated to be complete in fall 2020.

The bridge will keep its existing green color.

Advance information about traffic impacts on the bridge and other information about state highways in Kitsap County is available at the [Kitsap & Mason County construction and travel](#)

[updates](#) web page.

**Hyperlinks within the release:**

- Large effort: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr305/agate-pass-bridge/home](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr305/agate-pass-bridge/home)
- Kitsap & Mason County construction and travel updates:  
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