

Baring Bridge Replacement Project: Status update archive (January 2019 through August 2021)

The following status updates were posted to the project website between January 11, 2019 and August 24, 2021. All current status updates are provided in the project status update box on the top of the [Baring Bridge Replacement Project website](#).

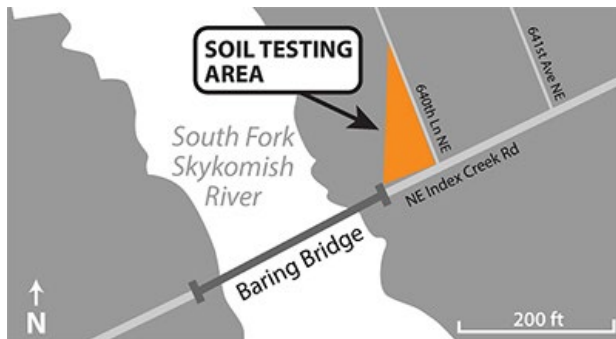
August 24, 2021 – Road Services inspected the entire bridge, including the support structures, bridge deck and underside. Baring Bridge is fully inspected every year.



August 24, 2021: Bridge inspectors at work on Baring Bridge.

October 22, 2020 – View our presentation to the [King County Landmarks Commission](#). PDF 4MB

June 8, 2020 – Monday, June 22 through Thursday, July 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (weekdays only). King County returned for additional soil sampling near the east end of Baring Bridge. The County also conducted river survey work in Index Creek and the South Fork Skykomish River. [View the June 2020 flyer for details](#). PDF 565KB. If you have any questions, please contact us.





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June 22 – July 2: River survey work will occur at red pinpoints shown on map, above.

April 27, 2020 – Work to design the new Baring Bridge is ramping up. Soil samples from as much as 120 feet deep underground are needed to help determine the final foundation design of the new bridge. Crews will be working near the bridge to collect the underground soil samples on May 11 through June 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week only (no weekends). The work may be loud at times because it will require the use of large truck-mounted impact hammers to obtain the soil samples. Construction of the new Baring Bridge is currently expected to start in 2024 and last until 2026. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

February 28, 2019 - The core project team updated the King County Landmarks Commission of the selection of the preferred alternative. The PowerPoint presentation to the Landmarks Commission can be found under the Documents section on this page. For more information regarding the selected preferred alternative, see the Frequently Asked Questions below.

February 22, 2019 - King County selected the preferred alternative based on the highest scoring bridge type and bridge location, which was the steel truss bridge on the same alignment.

February 8, 2019 - The project team held a workshop to discuss the proposed alternatives for the bridge type and bridge location. To determine the preferred alternative, a comprehensive list of important attributes was developed around community, engineering, and economical factors. Attributes were then weighted and each bridge type and bridge location alternative were scored independently. An extensive project team consisting of 17 subject matter experts in all fields required for the design, permitting, environmental, right-of-way, and construction of the new bridge participated in a discussion to determine a score for each alternative. Many of the experts attended and answered questions/concerns at the public open house in January 2019 and the community input was incorporated into the appropriate attributes of the scoring in selection of a preferred alternative.

January 11, 2019 - Welcome to the Baring Bridge Replacement Project webpage. This page features information about the project along with a survey, map, photos and public outreach documents. We will



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also post updates as new information becomes available. Please consider signing up for the Baring Bridge email/text alerts to receive the latest information.