Why does the existing bridge need to be replaced?
The existing bridge needs to be replaced because it is nearing the end of its useful life and does not meet current design standards under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

What will the new bridge design?
Design is complete. The project plans are available upon request.

Will the new bridge look the same as the existing bridge?
The new bridge looks very similar to the existing bridge. The new framework is about 16 feet longer, but has the same arch in the top and bottom chords as the existing bridge, as well as similar outriggers. The new deck is flatter to provide visibility and meet ADA requirements.

What will the new bridge deck be made of?
The new bridge deck will be made of two-foot-wide concrete panels. The panels have a slip resistant broom finish (typical sidewalk finish).

What is the design of the new bridge railing?
The new bridge railing will be a black steel railing and will match the Horse Creek Bridge railing. This is similar to the existing steel railing in the plaza adjacent to the existing bridge, except it is black.

Will there be lighting on the new bridge?
There will not be lighting on the new bridge as part of this project.

Is the vertical clearance under the new bridge different?
Yes, it is three and a half feet lower than the existing bridge to accommodate the flatter bridge design. The clearance is more than other bridges on the river.

Will the new bridge change the Park at Bothell Landing?
The new bridge location is about 90 feet upstream from the current location. A new path will connect the new pedestrian bridge with the existing path that runs parallel to NE 180th St. Crews will relocate two picnic tables and install landscaping to connect the bridge and path.
What environmental permits are required from the City of Bothell?
The City of Bothell will be the lead agency for compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), which requires disclosure of potential environmental impacts and includes a public comment period. The City provided notice to the public. SEPA documents are available upon request. A City of Bothell Critical Areas Permit was issued.

What is the status of environmental permitting?
The environmental permitting process is complete.

Will construction require a detour of the Sammamish River Trail?
A short term closure of the existing pedestrian crossing at the Park at Bothell Landing and short term closure of the Sammamish River Trail will be required during construction to accommodate equipment access, staging, bridge removal, and bridge replacement. The short term closure of the existing bridge will last approximately one month.

Trail users will be detoured to the West Riverside Trail between 102nd Ave. NE and the Burke Gilman Trail. Detour signage and maps are available on the trail and City website. The same detour route has been used by the City of Bothell during emergency closures of the existing pedestrian bridge.

Will construction require closure of the Park at Bothell Landing?
Construction activity will occur in portions of the Park at Bothell Landing near the existing and new bridge locations. These areas will not be accessible to the public during construction activity and will be separated by high-visibility construction fencing. The remaining portions of the park will remain open to the public at all times.

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