SR 167 Closure Reroute Playbook: Operating When I-5 Saturates

Pillar: Closure Playbook | **Basis:** Operational Playbook | **Primary Source:** WSDOT / WA EMD Recovery Annex | **As Of:** 2026-11-16

When SR 167 closes (as on Dec 15, 2025) and I-5 saturates (as modeled in the County Recovery Annex), Kent and Auburn facilities must split traffic between local upland exits, SR 18 east, and off-peak dispatch.

Operational Continuity & Corridor Facts

• Do not send daytime non-urgent box trucks onto I-5 when SR 167 closes; modeled Recovery Annex gridlock turns 20-minute runs into 3-hour stalls.

• For Eastside deliveries (Kent/Auburn to Redmond/Bothell), route east via SR 18 -> I-90 -> I-405 if Tukwila/Renton SR 167 is shut.

• Shift standard freight receiving/shipping to 7:00 PM–5:30 AM until SR 167 reopens.

SR 167 Closure Dispatch Decision Table

Origin–Destination	Primary Blocked	Fallback Route	Timing Rule
Kent -> Redmond / Bothell	SR 167 N -> I-405 N	SR 18 E -> I-90 W -> I-405 N	Check OSOW curfews
Kent -> Sea-Tac (SEA)	SR 167 N -> I-405 -> 518	Local upland arterials / I-5 N	Verify Tukwila flood map
Auburn -> Port of Tacoma	SR 167 S / I-5	SR 18 W -> I-5 S (off-peak)	Night window preferred

Corridor Exposure, Triggers & Facility Actions

- Pre-authorize 24-hour receiving dock staffing during declared corridor emergencies.
- Verify bridge weight limits on any municipal surface-street detour before releasing heavy trucks.
- Communicate revised ETA windows to prime customers immediately.

Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

- **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/
- **Kent WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/kent-wa-space-cluster-profile/
- **Auburn WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/auburn-wa-space-cluster-profile/
- **Redmond WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/redmond-wa-space-cluster-profile/
- **Supply-Chain & Procurement Desk Brief:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-role-procurement-lead-desk-brief/
- **Program Manager Desk Brief:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-role-program-manager-desk-brief/
- **WSDOT I-405 / SR 167 Corridor Program:** https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/i-405sr-167-corridor-program
- **WA EMD Regional Plans (Recovery Annex):** https://mil.wa.gov/plans
- **WSDOT Commercial Vehicles & OSOW:** https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/commercial-vehicles

Provenance Note: Combines Dec 15, 2025 6-mile SR 167 closure precedent with WA EMD Transportation Recovery Annex modeled I-5 saturation.