

SR 99 Battery Street Tunnel repair work



2009: Plan ahead – www.wsdot.wa.gov/construction/2009

Closures and repairs coming to Battery Street Tunnel

The Battery Street Tunnel, which connects the north end of the Alaskan Way Viaduct to Aurora Avenue North, has not been upgraded since it was built in the 1950s. We will close the tunnel for a number of nights and weekends from 2009 to 2011 to install new fire alarms and sprinklers and make other upgrades that will improve driver safety. This project is part of the work to replace the seismically vulnerable Alaskan Way Viaduct. Upgrades and repairs to the tunnel can be made regardless of what project replaces the viaduct in the central waterfront area of Seattle.



Weekend closures

OCTOBER 2009 and NOVEMBER 2009

Seven weekends in October and November 2009

Crews will close the Battery Street Tunnel as well as the northbound on-ramp and southbound off-ramp at Western Avenue.

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Overnight closures

DECEMBER 2009 - SPRING 2011

Sunday through Thursday nights December 2009 - Spring 2011

Crews will close the Battery Street Tunnel as well as the northbound on-ramp and southbound off-ramp at Western Avenue.

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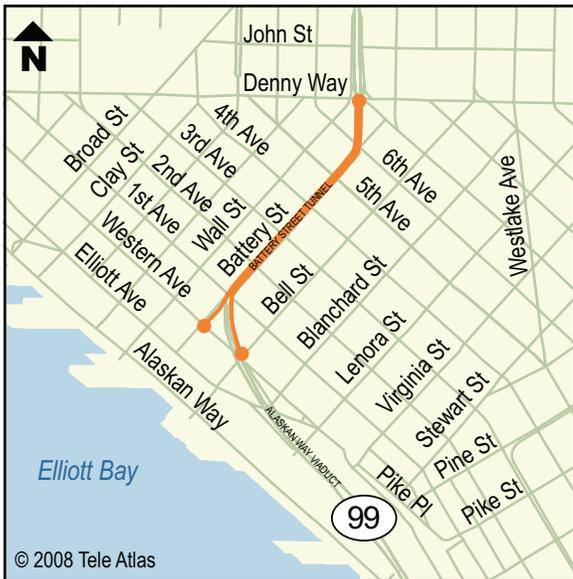
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During the closures, drivers will see:

- Congestion on surface streets and ramps near the Battery Street Tunnel.
- More vehicles on I-5 in the downtown Seattle area.



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The Battery Street Tunnel has not been upgraded since it was built in the 1950s.



A maintenance crew performs work near the south portal of the Battery Street Tunnel.



For safety reasons, the tunnel's on- and off-ramps at Western Avenue will be closed to general traffic.

Why is WSDOT repairing the tunnel?

We will repair the Battery Street Tunnel and install new fire alarm and sprinkler systems as well as new ventilation fan controls, lighting, closure signs and signals. WSDOT crews will also:

- Reinforce the tunnel roof.
- Add an emergency exit stairwell in the southbound tunnel.
- Turn the short on- and off-ramps at Western Avenue into emergency access/maintenance only ramps.

How will drivers benefit?

The rebuilt Battery Street Tunnel will be safer and provide seamless access to Alaskan Way as it travels along the waterfront and connects to the SODO district.

What should drivers do?

- Plan ahead knowing that the Battery Street Tunnel will be closed for multiple nights and some weekends.
- Plan to take alternate routes such as I-5.
- Consider shifting schedules during these months to avoid construction work and related traffic backups on I-5.

What is WSDOT doing?

- Working at night and weekends.
- Working with local cities and utilities to limit work on parallel routes.
- Maintaining a 24-hour hotline for questions and concerns: 888-AWV-LINE.
- Hosting regular briefings for community organizations.
- Conducting door-to-door outreach in the immediate vicinity as necessary.

What other work is WSDOT doing in the area?

The Battery Street Tunnel project is part of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program. For more information, go to www.alaskanwayviaduct.org.

What other Viaduct related closures should I know about?

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| March 15: | St. Patrick's Day Dash |
| March 21 and 22: | WSDOT semi-annual inspection |
| June 6: | Race for the Cure |
| July 25: | Torchlight Run |
| Oct. 4: | Heart Walk |
| Oct. 10 and 11: | WSDOT semi-annual inspection |

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