



November 2008

Construction under way in November at First and Atlantic

You may have noticed them already, but for the next several months you will see Kiewit construction crews working near First Avenue S. and S. Atlantic Street. Crews will be performing a number of tasks needed to widen S. Atlantic Street.

This work kicks off construction on Phase 2 of WSDOT's SR 519 Intermodal Access Project. In this project crews will connect a westbound off-ramp from I-90 and I-5 to the existing S. Atlantic Street overpass and build a vehicle and pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks on S. Royal Brougham Way. We're also improving the intersection of First Avenue S. and S. Atlantic Street by adding turn and through lanes and widening sidewalks. These improvements will make the corridor safer for pedestrians and bicyclists and enhance traffic flow for freight traveling to the Port of Seattle, ferry commuters traveling to Colman Dock, and sports fans heading to the stadiums.

What you can expect

To widen S. Atlantic Street, crews will periodically close lanes on S. Atlantic Street and First Avenue S. in the vicinity of Safeco Field through April 2009. Most closures will occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; there will be limited night time closures between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. One lane of traffic in each direction will always remain open throughout this period.

What's next

When the First and Atlantic Street widening is complete in April, work will begin on the I-90 westbound off-ramp and the S. Royal Brougham bridge. WSDOT and Kiewit are working closely with area stakeholders to minimize construction effects within the area, especially during Mariners and Seahawks games.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed by June 2010, over a year ahead of the original schedule, and in time for the start of construction to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct between S. Holgate and S. King streets. A summary of the schedule is provided below.

Activity	Begin	End
Widen First and Atlantic intersection	late 2008	early 2009 (prior to Mariners season)
Build westbound I-90 off-ramp to S. Atlantic Street overpass	early 2009	early 2010 (prior to Mariners season)
Build S. Royal Brougham Way bridge		
--Vehicle portion of bridge	early 2009	early 2010 (prior to Mariners season)
--Pedestrian portion of bridge	late 2009	June 2010
Pedestrian plaza	late 2009	June 2010

For more information

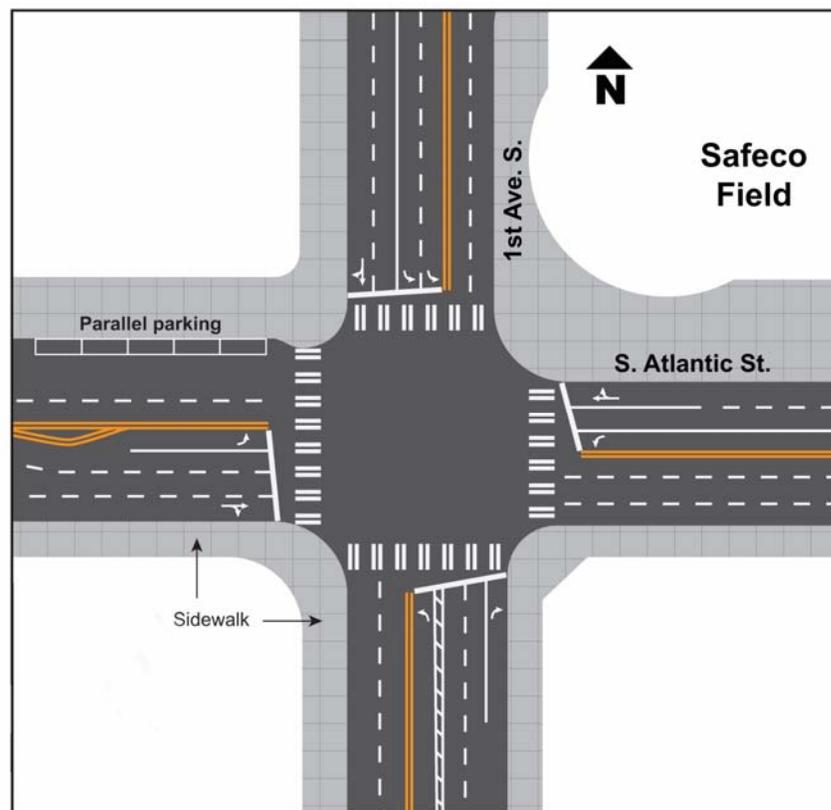
Please visit our Web site, www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR519, for additional project information and construction updates, or call our toll-free hotline at 1-800- 400-0761.

If you have questions about the SR 519 Intermodal Access Project, please contact Greg Phipps at (206) 464-1265 or phippsg@wsdot.wa.gov. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve safety and traffic flow in SODO.

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Crews are widening the First Avenue S. and S. Atlantic Street intersection to add turn lanes and through lanes.