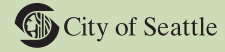


# Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Program



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## Equal opportunities in construction

### Program background

The Alaskan Way Viaduct is a double-deck freeway, part of State Route 99, which runs along the waterfront in downtown Seattle. Since it was damaged in the 2001 Nisqually earthquake, replacing the structure has been a top priority of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County, the Port of Seattle and the City of Seattle.

We will replace the viaduct's south end, between S. Holgate and S. King streets, with a new side-by-side roadway that has wider lanes, meets current earthquake standards and improves mobility for people and goods in the south of downtown area. Construction on the new roadway is expected to begin in spring 2010.

For the viaduct's central waterfront section, between S. King Street and the Battery Street Tunnel, there is an ongoing environmental process that is reviewing three alternatives – a bored tunnel, cut-and-cover tunnel and an elevated structure. If the bored tunnel alternative is chosen, we would move SR 99 into a bored tunnel beneath downtown, reconnect the street grid at the ends of the tunnel and remove the viaduct along the waterfront. A second Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which analyzes the bored tunnel alternative and builds upon the previous review of the other alternatives, will be published in early 2010. Construction of the central waterfront replacement is expected to begin in 2011.

## What's coming up?

Projects	Construction dates
Replace the viaduct's south end between S. Holgate and S. King streets	2010-2013
Replace the viaduct's central waterfront section (multiple contracts)	2011-2015

### A commitment to equal opportunity

We are committed to creating and sustaining an equitable business environment for contracting and employment opportunities with the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program.

The state and city developed an outreach plan with the goal of maximizing opportunities where Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Women and Minority Business Enterprises (WMBE) can compete fairly for federal- and state-assisted contracts and procurements. Through a proactive outreach strategy, the state and city hope to create an inclusive process that encourages the participation of disadvantaged minority- and women-owned businesses of various disciplines, including construction contractors, consultants and suppliers. This outreach plan includes strategies to connect firms to established programs and resources and involve firms in the projects to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct.



### Meeting equal opportunity goals

On WSDOT projects with federal funding, a certain percentage of participation by DBE/WMBE-certified firms is required.

For projects without federal funding, the state requests contractors meet these goals voluntarily and document the process to demonstrate a good-faith effort. For more information, please refer to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Participation Plan at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/equalopportunity/plans/dmwbe.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/equalopportunity/plans/dmwbe.htm)

To find firms that are certified as DBE/WMBEs, contractors may access the DBE directory, which is maintained and published by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises. It is published quarterly and available to contractors, proposal holders and bidders to help identify DBE's with capabilities relevant to highway construction. The online directory is updated daily: [www.omwbe.wa.gov/biznetwas/mainmenu.asp](http://www.omwbe.wa.gov/biznetwas/mainmenu.asp)



## Becoming certified

Certification as a DBE/WMBE business is essential to gaining full access to contracting opportunities. The Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises is the only agency responsible for processing applications for certification. State agencies, state schools and local governmental jurisdictions that have WMBE and DBE programs recognize this certification. To become certified, applicants must be minority or female. Applicants must own at least 51 percent of the business and control the firm's managerial and day-to-day operations. For other eligibility requirements or to request an application form, go to: [www.omwbe.wa.gov](http://www.omwbe.wa.gov)

## Making your business known

WSDOT has contracted with the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle's Contractor Development and Competitiveness Center and Seattle Public Schools to provide technical assistance, support services, and business development training. These support services include programs that contribute to the long-term development, increased opportunities and eventual self-sufficiency of highway-related DBE firms. The goal is to help these businesses achieve proficiency to compete on an equal basis for federal-aid highway program contracts and subcontracts. Please see the other resources listed on the back page for more information.

## Meeting apprenticeship goals

Contracts with an estimated cost of \$2 million or more in state funds require that 15 percent of the minimum labor hours be performed by apprentices.

WSDOT's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) / On-the-Job Training (OJT) Support Services Program has three core tasks:

1. Assist contractors who do business with WSDOT in achieving a diverse workforce by promoting workforce development that is inclusive of minorities and females.
2. Assist minorities and females who desire to work and/or have a career in the construction trades by providing them gateways and paths to employment in the construction trades.
3. Ensure that WSDOT is operating the EEO Compliance Program in good faith by adhering to Federal and State laws and regulations, as well as departmental policies and procedures.

The office is also responsible for conducting training workshops for WSDOT regional staff, contractors, community based organizations and local agencies about program compliance criteria. The OJT Support Services Unit is responsible for assisting contractors in finding qualified minorities and females to meet identified workforce shortages and for identifying paths and gateways to entry-level apprenticeship and trainee programs for individuals desiring to go into the construction trades. The office also assists with job placement for minorities and females already qualified in one the construction trades.



## Stay connected

For more information and to stay updated on the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program:

Visit: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct/contracting](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct/contracting)

- **E-mail:** [viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov)
- **Call:** 1-888-AWV-LINE
- **Write:**  
Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program  
c/o Washington State Department of Transportation  
999 Third Ave., Suite 2424, Seattle, WA 98104

## Other resources

- WSDOT's equal opportunity, affirmative action and contract compliance programs, visit: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/equalopportunity](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/equalopportunity)
- WSDOT's contract ad and award process, visit: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa)
- Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, contact: Cathy Canorro at 360-704-1187/ [ccanorro@omwbe.wa.gov](mailto:ccanorro@omwbe.wa.gov) or visit: [www.omwbe.wa.gov](http://www.omwbe.wa.gov)
- City of Seattle Department of Transportation, visit: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/contractlist.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/contractlist.htm)
- Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle Contractor Development and Competitiveness Center, contact: Tony Benjamin at 206-461-3792/ [tbenjamin@cdcccontractors.com](mailto:tbenjamin@cdcccontractors.com) or visit: [www.urbanleague.org/cdcc.html](http://www.urbanleague.org/cdcc.html)

## Be prepared for the next contracts

We expect the following contracts and requests for qualifications to be advertised in 2009:

### SR 99 Bored Tunnel Design-Build Project (September)

#### Request for Qualifications

**Description:** Design and construct a large diameter deep bored tunnel under First Avenue through downtown connecting the stadium area to Aurora Avenue N.

**Visit:** [www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa/DesignBuildContracts/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa/DesignBuildContracts/)

### Viaduct Replacement S. Holgate Street to S. King Street – Stage 2 (October)

**Estimated amount:** \$200 - 300 million

**Description:** Road and bridge construction to replace the southern mile of the viaduct with a new side-by-side roadway.

### SR 99 ITS Project (October)

**Estimated amount:** \$8 million

**Description:** Install dynamic messaging signs, fiber optic lines and signal controllers to support traffic-light synchronization on sections of Aurora Avenue N., East Marginal Way S., SR 509 and SR 599.

## Americans with Disabilities Act & Title VI information

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) information:** Materials can be provided in alternative formats: large print, Braille, cassette tape, or on computer disk for people with disabilities by contacting Heather Santic at 206-267-3789 / [SanticH@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:SanticH@wsdot.wa.gov). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make a request for alternative formats through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1.

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