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What benefits will the project provide?

The SR 519 Intermodal Access Project – Phase 2 will increase westbound traffic mobility and safety by improving connections between I-5/I-90 and Port of Seattle terminals, the Washington State Ferries terminal at Colman Dock, waterfront commercial interests, and the stadium area. The project will provide a more direct route between I-5/I-90 and the Seattle waterfront so that westbound freight, commuters, and local traffic can move more safely and efficiently through the stadium area. It will also improve safety and reduce traffic delays by closing the surface-level rail crossing on South Royal Brougham Way near Fourth Avenue South and replacing it with an elevated crossing for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The project will improve safety for people walking to stadium-area events, work, and neighborhood destinations, and it will reduce truck and rail traffic conflicts so that freight operators can move products more efficiently between the Port of Seattle terminals and market destinations.

During construction, the project will provide a short-term increase in employment and spending that will be necessary to support the construction program.



The project will provide a new off-ramp from I-90 to South Atlantic Street (the middle ramp in the west-facing simulation above) and an elevated crossing over the railroad tracks, with a loop ramp at Third Avenue South and South Royal Brougham Way. It will also make improvements to South Atlantic Street and its intersection with First Avenue South.

Appendices E to O are included on the attached CD.