

Plan ahead: three-week closure to realign SR 99

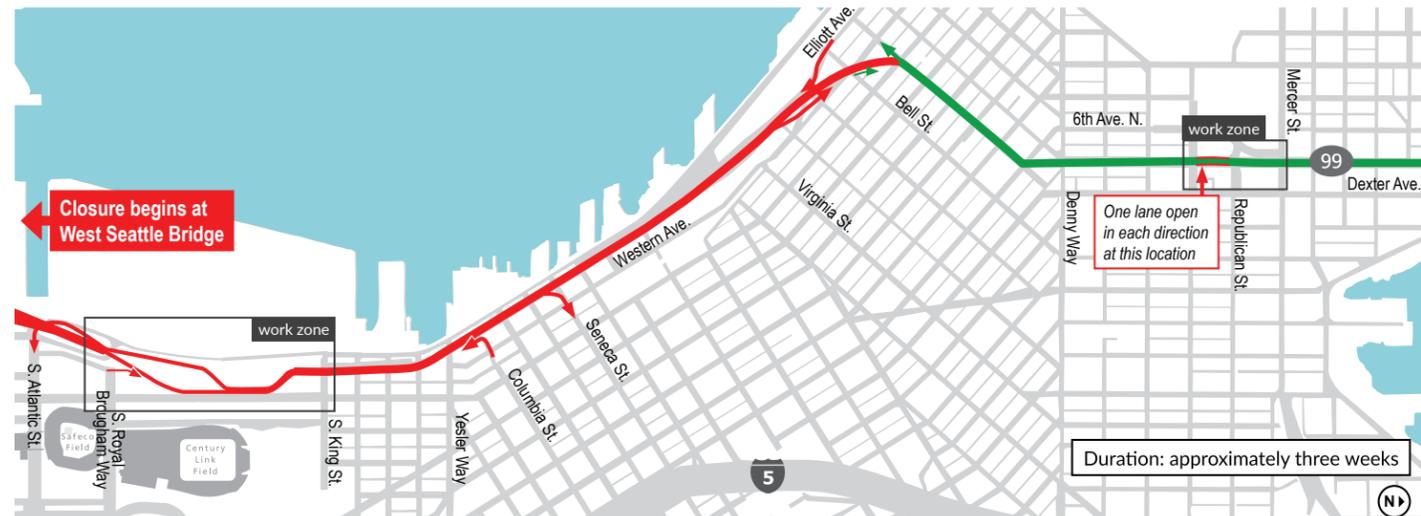
Starting Jan. 11, 2019, WSDOT will close SR 99 in downtown Seattle for approximately three weeks. This closure will allow crews to build the tunnel's final ramp and roadway connections to realign SR 99 into the new tunnel.

The closure will extend from South Spokane Street to the south end of the Battery Street Tunnel. The existing southbound SR 99 off-ramp to Atlantic Street and the northbound SR 99 on-ramp from Royal Brougham Way will close on Jan. 4, a week prior to the full closure. The new northbound SR 99 off-ramp to downtown and Alaskan Way South will open one to two weeks after the full closure ends.

WSDOT knows closing a major highway will cause widespread disruption, and is working with its partner agencies on plans for keeping people and goods moving during the closure.

Key closure details to know:

- SR 99 closes for approximately three weeks, between Spokane Street and the Battery Street Tunnel.
- The closure begins Jan. 11, 2019 - make your plan!
- The southbound off-ramp to South Atlantic Street and the northbound SR 99 on-ramp from Royal Brougham Way will close one week before SR 99 closes.
- The new northbound off-ramp to Alaskan Way and downtown will open one to two weeks after the new SR 99 tunnel opens.



The highway and ramp closures involved in the approximate three-week closure ahead of tunnel opening in early 2019.

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Alaskan Way Viaduct REPLACEMENT PROGRAM



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Building a new State Route 99 through Seattle

The Alaskan Way Viaduct, an elevated section of State Route 99 in Seattle, was built in the 1950s and decades of daily wear and tear have taken their toll on the structure. Because of the viaduct's age and vulnerability to earthquakes, replacing it is critical to public safety.

The Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program will change how people use SR 99 in Seattle. A new, tolled tunnel will provide a direct route through downtown Seattle. Ramps near the stadiums at the tunnel's south end will connect to SODO and downtown. Ramps at the north end will connect to South Lake Union and Seattle Center, while local streets John, Thomas and Harrison will be reconnected and blocks of Aurora Avenue North rebuilt to improve neighborhood mobility.

After the tunnel opens, the viaduct will be removed and the City of Seattle will build a new waterfront Alaskan Way surface street, improving connections between the tunnel's south portal and downtown.

The program at a glance

- Removing the Alaskan Way Viaduct will clear the way for new public space on Seattle's downtown waterfront and remove a seismically vulnerable structure from our road network.
- Since breaking ground on our first viaduct-related project in 2007, we have successfully completed 24 of 30 projects that are led or funded by the state.
- On Jan. 11, 2019, SR 99 in downtown Seattle will close for approximately three weeks so crews can realign the highway into the tunnel. The double deck highway inside the tunnel will open to drivers in early 2019.
- After the tunnel opens, crews will remove the viaduct, fill and seal the Battery Street Tunnel, and reconnect surface streets at the tunnel's north end.



Striped lanes in the tunnel shown at the tunnel's south portal.

Viaduct removal begins early 2019

After the new SR 99 tunnel opens to drivers in early 2019, crews can begin their work to remove the Alaskan Way Viaduct. The contractor will remove the viaduct, close and fill the Battery Street Tunnel, and rebuild Aurora Avenue North between Harrison Street and Denny Way. WSDOT's goal is for this work to be done safely and with as little disruption as possible to people, property, and businesses around the work zones.



Removal of the south end of the Alaskan Way Viaduct, November 2011.

Removing the Alaskan Way Viaduct

Crews will remove the seismically vulnerable viaduct in sections to limit construction's duration at any given location. Crews will work on multiple sections of the viaduct at once to expedite the overall schedule. The contractor will follow contract requirements, such as maintaining access to Colman Dock, limiting road closures, minimizing dust and vibration, and protecting building and utilities. Removing the viaduct is scheduled to take about six months.



Each rectangular segment on the map above represents a frame of the viaduct.

Battery Street Tunnel decommissioning

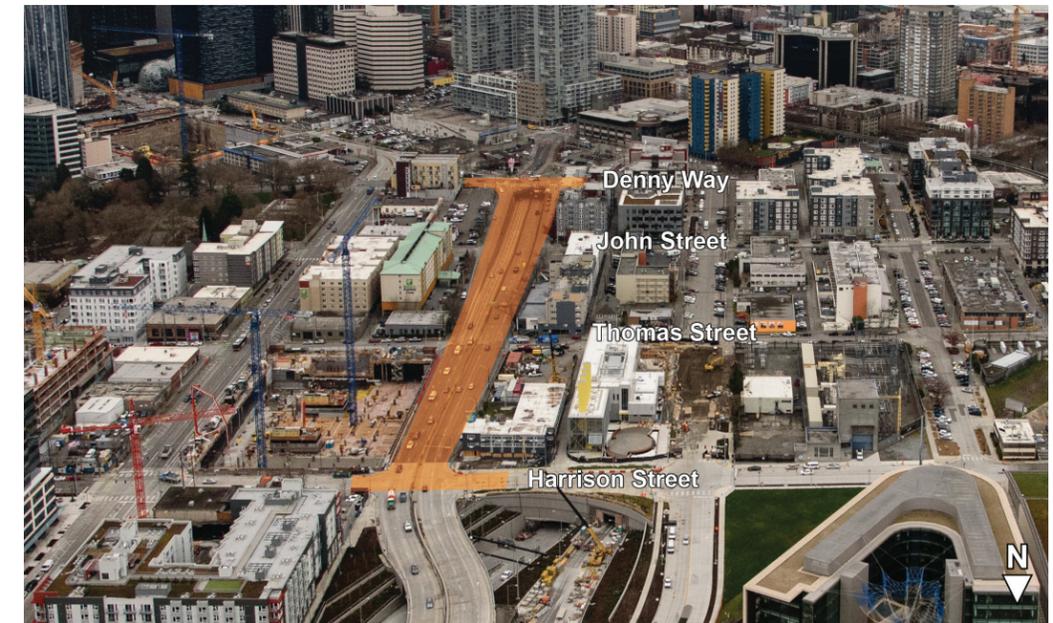
After the new SR 99 tunnel opens, the aged and seismically vulnerable Battery Street Tunnel will be permanently closed and filled. Crews will also remove and patch vents in Battery Street, install ADA curb ramps, improve lighting, and make other pedestrian infrastructure improvements. Battery Street will remain open, with localized short-term lane closures, through the end of work in late 2020.



The Battery Street Tunnel will be closed and sealed, and the Western Avenue ramps will be removed.

North surface street restoration

Filling and sealing the Battery Street Tunnel provides an opportunity to rebuild and reconnect three streets in South Lake Union previously cut off by SR 99. Crews will rebuild Aurora Avenue North between Harrison Street and Denny Way, filling in the Battery Street Tunnel trench and reconnecting Harrison, Thomas and John streets east-west.



Harrison, Thomas and John streets will be reconnected across Aurora Avenue North.

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