

Alaskan Way Viaduct **REPLACEMENT** PROGRAM



Construction update: May 17, 2019

Alaskan Way Viaduct removal

Viaduct removal continues in multiple locations. [Visit our website](#) for additional information on how the viaduct will be removed, the sequence and schedule of the work, and what to expect. You can follow the work visually through [our construction cameras](#) and our [Flickr photo sets](#).

ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT FROM YESLER WAY TO UNION STREET

Crews will continue removing the viaduct and constructing the [new temporary pedestrian bridge](#) to Colman Dock. [Visit our website tracker](#) to follow our progress. Visit our website for [a map of current road and access conditions along the central waterfront](#).

NEAR THE RAILROAD TRACKS BETWEEN PINE AND LENORA STREETS

Crews continue removing sections of the viaduct adjacent to the BNSF railway tracks between Pine and Lenora streets. The railroad tracks and steep slope complicate this area, requiring a slower method of removal. This work will continue until the end of July.

SENECA STREET RAMP

Starting as soon as May 22, crews will begin removing the Seneca Street ramp. Crews will use a combination of methods and equipment—including a hoe ram to break up the roadway deck, munchers, and cranes to remove girders—moving east from Alaskan Way toward First Avenue. This work will continue into early June.

Road and access changes:

- The intersection of Western Avenue and Seneca Street will close for Seneca Ramp demolition for up to 20 days.
- Post Avenue at Seneca Street will be closed for up to seven days while the ramp is removed.

ONGOING EFFECTS OF ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT REMOVAL WORK

- Typical work hours are Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Occasional Sunday work, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Typical hours for the loudest (impact) work:
 - 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays.
 - 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Sat.
 - 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sun./holiday.
- Full road closures, lane reductions, and detours for people walking, biking, and driving.
- Typical construction impacts such as truck and equipment movement and increased dust, noise, and vibration.

Seneca Street ramp:

The loudest work hours for the upcoming removal of the Seneca Street ramp could occur from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The permit allows for seven consecutive nights of non-impact construction, with nighttime noise levels allowed up to 82 to 84 dBA. Limited impact work is also allowed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. during the seven consecutive nights and must meet a noise level limit of 60 dBA. These are the limits allowed by the noise permit; the work plan for removing the ramp may not make full use of all available work hours, noise levels and work windows.

Battery Street Tunnel

Crews continue to [fill in the Battery Street Tunnel](#). Crews will continue pouring crushed concrete fill material from trucks on Battery Street into the tunnel below, via a funnel installed over the tunnel's ventilation grates. Read more about this work [on our website](#).

Please note: Vibration from fill compaction inside the tunnel that may be felt on the surface or in adjacent buildings.

Effects of the tunnel fill operation, which will last about three months:

- Weekday working hours of 6 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Weekday single-lane closures of Battery Street, 6 a.m. – 3 p.m., between Fifth and Sixth avenues and between Fourth and Fifth avenues.
- Borealis Avenue will be tapered down to one lane, 24 hours a day, to accommodate filling operations and to align traffic with the single lane of Seventh Avenue North that begins north of Denny. The taper will change sides of the street around 3 p.m.
 - The west sidewalk along Borealis Avenue between Sixth Avenue and Denny Way will be closed for several weeks.
 - The bus stop on Borealis Avenue between Battery Street and Denny Way will remain open.

ONGOING EFFECTS OF BATTERY STREET TUNNEL WORK

- Typical construction hours are Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Typical construction impacts such as truck and equipment movement and increased dust, noise, and vibration.
- Ventilation fans run intermittently from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, providing fresh air for crews working in the tunnel. This safety measure will be maintained until fall 2019. The fans will also run intermittently during occasional night and weekend work.
- Expect occasional night and weekend work.

North Surface Streets

Crews continue to work in the established area along Seventh Avenue North (formerly Aurora Avenue North) between Harrison Street and Denny Way. Visit our website for more information on the [north surface street connections](#).

NORTHBOUND SEVENTH AVENUE NORTH CLOSED AT NIGHT FOR ONE WEEK

Starting May 28, crews will close northbound Seventh Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street for utility work. The closure will be in place weekday nights from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Tuesday, May 28 through Monday, June 3. The northbound lane will be open during daytime and weekend hours.

ONGOING EFFECTS OF NORTH SURFACE STREETS WORK

- Typical construction hours are Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Night and weekend work.
- Typical construction effects such as increased dust, noise, vibration, and truck activity.

As we continue our work to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct, we will provide regular updates on construction through this email. If you were forwarded this email, you can [subscribe to the list online](#).

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