Construction update: June 7, 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 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET TO YESLER WAY
Crews are preparing for viaduct removal south of Yesler Way. As soon as June 14, crews will close South King Street at Alaskan Way, and occupy the northbound local-access lane between South King Street and South Jackson Street. Alaskan Way will also be reduced to two lanes between South Main Street and South Dearborn Street allowing room for crews to remove the viaduct in this area.

WESTERN AVENUE BETWEEN COLUMBIA AND MARION STREETS
Next week, crews will begin to install the bridge structure for the new temporary pedestrian bridge to Colman Dock. Installing the bridge will require temporary closures of Alaskan Way and Western Avenue.

Road and access changes:
- Starting June 10, Columbia Street between Alaskan Way and Western Avenue will be fully closed for up to five days to install the bridge atop the columns. Sidewalks will remain open.
- Either the night of Wednesday, June 12, or the night of Thursday, June 13, Alaskan Way will be fully closed between Yesler Way and Marion Street from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. to install the bridge spanning Alaskan Way to Colman Dock. The west sidewalk will also be closed during this time.
- One travel lane will reopen on Western Avenue as soon as late June.

ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT FROM SENECA STREET RAMP TO PINE STREET
Crews continue removing the viaduct along the waterfront and the Seneca Street ramp. This work will continue through June.

Road and access changes (click here to see map):
- Monday, June 10: Post Avenue at Seneca Street will close for up to seven days. Local business access remains open on Post Avenue from the south.
- Sunday, June 16: The intersection of Seneca Street and Western Avenue is scheduled to reopen.
- Friday, June 21: Union Street at Alaskan Way is scheduled to reopen.
- Mid-June: Site restoration begins at the former site of the Seneca ramp. Abutment work along First Avenue will continue through July.

ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT FROM UNION TO PINE STREETS
Crews have begun removing the viaduct between Union and Pine streets. This work will require temporarily closing popular pedestrian routes between Pike Place Market and the waterfront. Plans are still being finalized and we’ll share additional information on our website and through our weekly email updates as information is confirmed.
Please expect:

- **Monday, June 10**: Pedestrian access to the waterfront via the Pike Place Market Hillclimb will close. Alternative routes will be available – [click here to see map](#).
- **Late next week (week of June 10)**: Pike Place Market Garage access will close from Alaskan Way. Vehicle access will remain available from Western Avenue throughout demolition.
- **As soon as June 12**: Walking routes between Pike Place Market and the waterfront will be rerouted during demolition. An ADA shuttle will be available between Western Avenue and Alaskan Way while this closure is in effect.

**ONGOING EFFECTS OF ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT REMOVAL WORK**

- Typical work hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 9 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.

**Battery Street Tunnel**

Crews continue to [fill in the Battery Street Tunnel](#) by 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 may be felt on the surface and in adjacent buildings.

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

- Crews are restoring the sidewalk along Borealis Avenue. The northbound bus stop between Battery Street and Denny Way will temporarily close for several weeks.
- Weekday single-lane closures of Battery Street, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Third and Sixth avenues, and around-the-clock lane closures on Battery Street between First and Third avenues.
- Borealis Avenue will be tapered down to one lane, 24 hours a day, to accommodate filling operations and sidewalk work.

**ONGOING EFFECTS OF BATTERY STREET TUNNEL WORK**

- Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6:30 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 6:30 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

Work on the north surface street connections is progressing, and we are nearing the second phase of construction. To prepare for the second phase of work, there are a number of upcoming road closures:

- The night of June 7, there will be a full closure of Seventh Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street. This closure is to facilitate a traffic shift necessary to begin phase two construction. The traffic shift will move all travel lanes to the newly paved inside lanes along Seventh Avenue North.
- On Saturday, June 8, the southbound bus stop on Seventh Avenue North just north of Denny Way will close. Riders should use the bus stop at Wall Street and Fifth Avenue until the end of construction in early 2020.
- Thomas Street is closed between Dexter Avenue North and Seventh Avenue North. The closure began June 4 and will last approximately three weeks.
- Denny Way will be reduced to one lane in each direction Monday through Friday from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. This reduction began June 3 and will last for approximately three weeks.
- Starting Monday June 24, John Street will be fully closed between Dexter Avenue North and Seventh Avenue North. This closure will last approximately one month.

ONGOING EFFECTS OF NORTH SURFACE STREETS WORK

- Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please expect occasional Saturday work.
- 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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