

Alaskan Way to be closed during weekend of April 26-29

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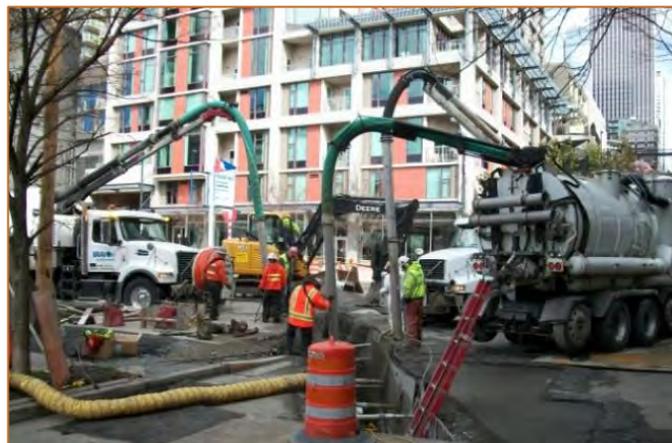
Alaskan Way closure between Pike and Virginia streets

Alaskan Way will be closed between Virginia and Pike streets from Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. to Monday, April 29 at 5 a.m. This closure is necessary to complete some of the most disruptive Seawall early work prior to the Memorial Day weekend. New utility infrastructure necessary for future relocations will be constructed during the closure, which will ready the area for seawall replacement beginning in fall 2013.

Why will work require Alaskan Way to be closed?

SDOT has been working to complete critical utility and roadway early work prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Due to the magnitude of the work, it was determined that extended work hours would be necessary to meet this deadline. Several alternatives were considered, including extended night work for five to six weeks, and periods of day and night work with two-way traffic on Alaskan Way restricted to one lane with flaggers. The Alaskan Way weekend closure is preferable to other alternatives as it will allow the contractor to complete a large amount of work in a limited amount of time and reduce overall impacts to waterfront businesses, residents and visitors. During the closure, the following activities are planned to occur:

- Utility duct bank excavation prep work
- Trenching for utility relocations
- Electric cable installation and wiring, and other setting of utilities



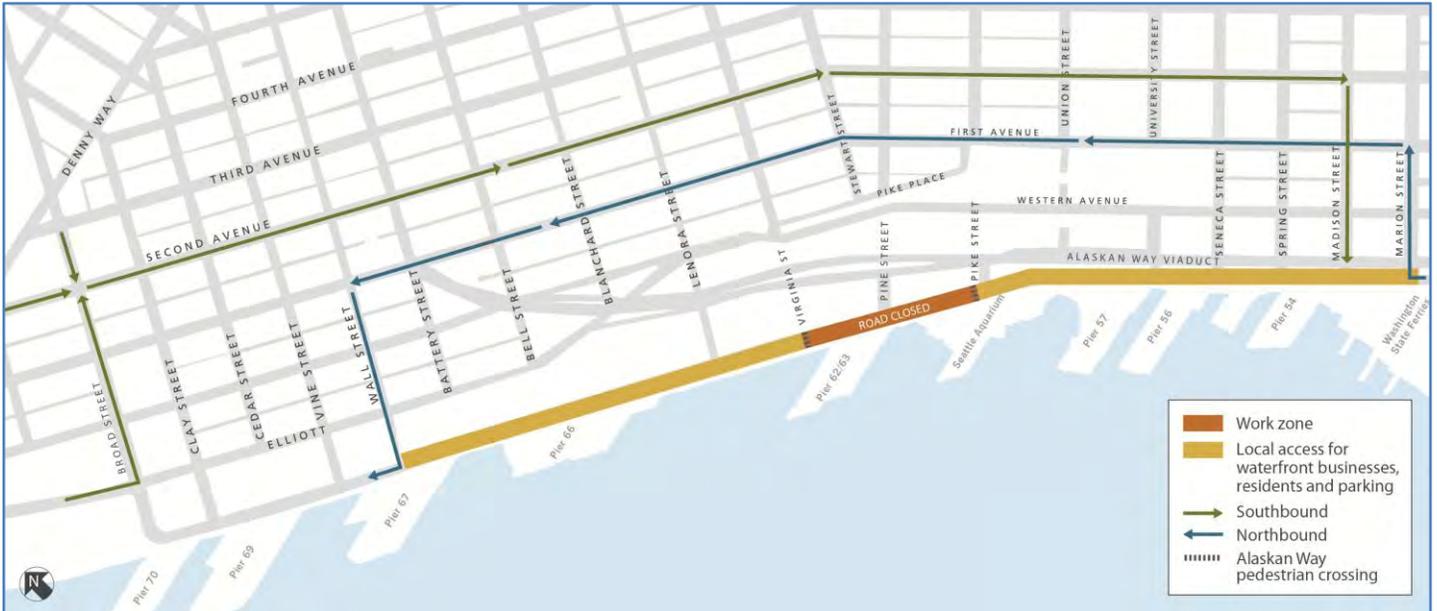
Vactor trucks will be used to conduct utility duct bank excavation prep work

What can you expect?

- Weekend roadway closure of Alaskan Way from 7 p.m., Friday, April 26 to 5 a.m., Monday, April 29.
- Local access to residences, businesses and parking areas will be maintained at all times. Access to Pike and Pine streets will be maintained via northbound Alaskan Way at Pike Street only. No access to Pine Street will be maintained from the north (via Virginia Street).
- Pedestrian access on both the western and eastern sidewalks adjacent to the work zones will be maintained.
- Detour routes will be clearly signed and marked. Northbound traffic will be re-routed on 1st Avenue; southbound traffic will utilize 2nd Avenue (please see map on the back page for more detail).
- Starting at 7 a.m. on Friday, April 26, Alaskan Way will be restricted to one lane, two-way traffic with flaggers to provide additional room for pavement to be broken in advance of weekend work and before night-time noise restrictions.
- “No Park” signage will be placed on the western side of Alaskan Way as early as Wednesday, April 24, in preparation for the weekend.
- All work will be conducted within the public right-of-way.
- The noisiest work will stop every evening by 10 p.m. and resume at 9 a.m. Measures to prevent noise during night-time hours include the following:
 - No high impact work, such as pavement breaking and saw cutting
 - Communication through the use of two-way radios
 - Engine idling will be limited to two minutes if the equipment is not directly engaged in work activity
 - Directional broadband backup warning devices, which are less intrusive than traditional backup warning alarms, will be used for heavy equipment
 - Material or debris will be removed by hand sweeping; no scraping activities will be allowed

If you have any concerns or need to resolve any immediate issues over the weekend, please call the 24-hour project hotline at 206-618-8584.

Alaskan Way closure detour map



What is the Elliott Bay Seawall Project?

SDOT is working to replace the aging Elliott Bay seawall along the Seattle waterfront. SDOT is working to prepare designs for active construction to begin in fall 2013. This project is a priority because:

- The Elliott Bay seawall was built between 1916 and 1934 and has deteriorated significantly since it was constructed.
- The seawall was not designed for earthquakes and could fail in a moderate to large earthquake.
- Failure of the seawall could also be caused by wind driven storm waves or the erosive tidal forces of Elliott Bay.
- The seawall supports major utilities, Alaskan Way and SR 99, the ferry terminal, and rail lines.

Have a question? Contact us:

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