

Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee

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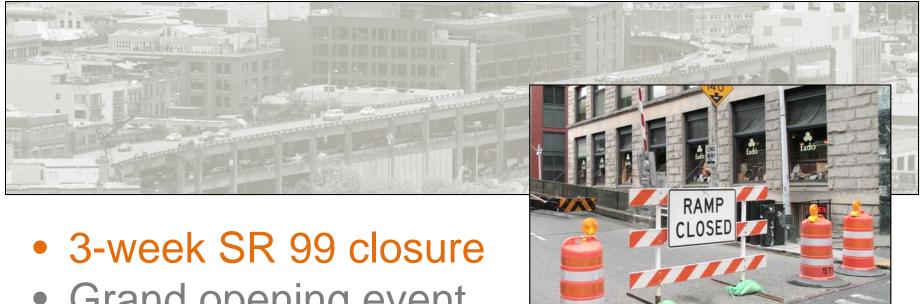




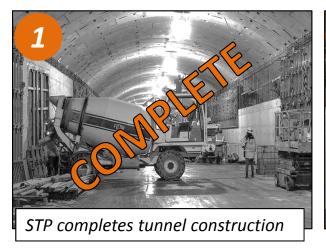




# TODAY'S FOCUS



- Grand opening event
- Battery Street Tunnel
- North surface streets













Steps to opening the

SR 99 TUNNEL

### PLAN AHEAD: 3-week SR 99 closure

SR 99 will close for approximately three weeks to realign the highway into the new downtown tunnel



#### STAY INFORMED

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### #realign99 closure

- Approximately three weeks long
- SR 99 closed from Battery Street
   Tunnel (south end) to West Seattle
   Bridge
- Viaduct closed, tunnel not yet open

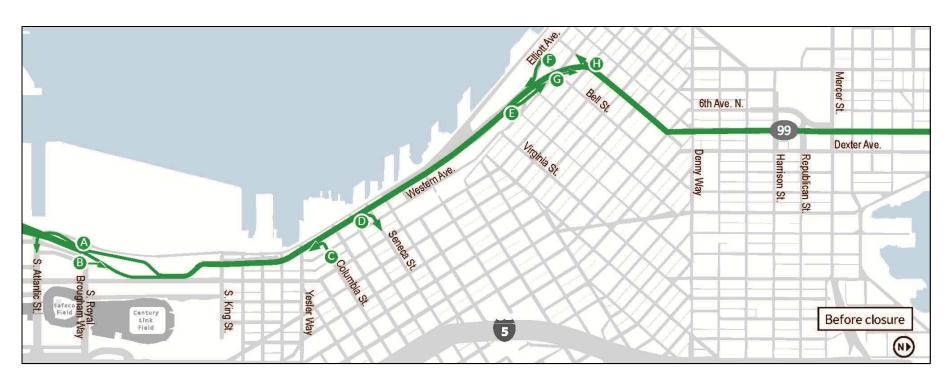
### **Additional ramp closures**

- Southbound off-ramp to South Atlantic Street closes one week early
- Northbound off-ramp to downtown / Alaskan Way opens two weeks late

Three-week

SR 99 CLOSURE

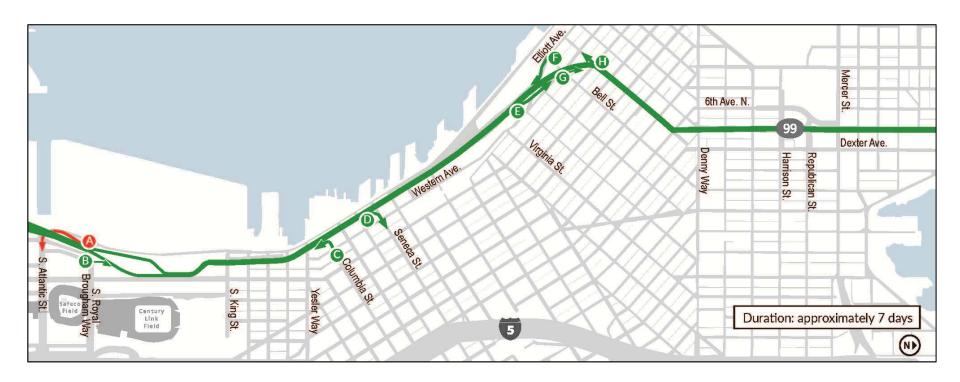




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# Keeping people and goods moving while SR 99 is closed

- Multi-agency coordination
- Extensive public information campaign
- CTR / TDM coordination with major employers
- Community briefings



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### **Event overview**



As soon as fall 2018, planned to occur the third weekend of the SR 99 closure

# Neighborhood outreach



### Community partners

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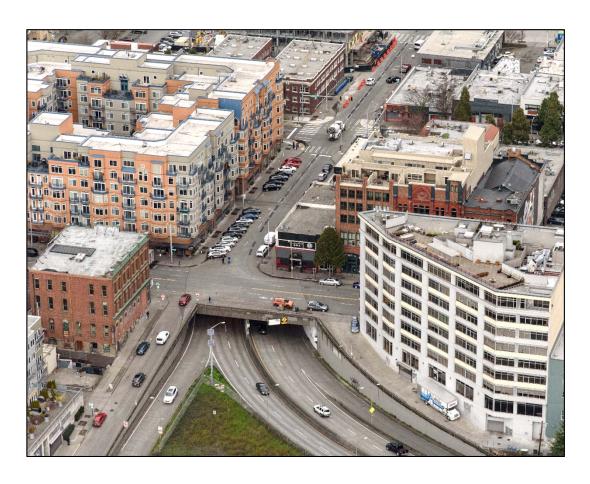
- Reach out to community partners in the next month to identify and discuss opportunities for involvement
- Send out promotional materials to all those who wish to help spread the word
- Interested in participating?
  - Email us at <u>viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov</u> with your ideas



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### Scope of work

- Decommissioning systems; filling and sealing the tunnel
- Electrical and sewer utility work
- Improved street lighting from First Ave to Denny Way
- Repaving and striping

Decommissioning the

BATTERY STREET TUNNEL



### Contractor's approach

- Work begins shortly after tunnel opens
- Complete summer 2020
- First year of work mostly within tunnel
- Staging at tunnel's south portal
- Fill tunnel from within and from surface



Decommissioning the

BATTERY STREET TUNNEL



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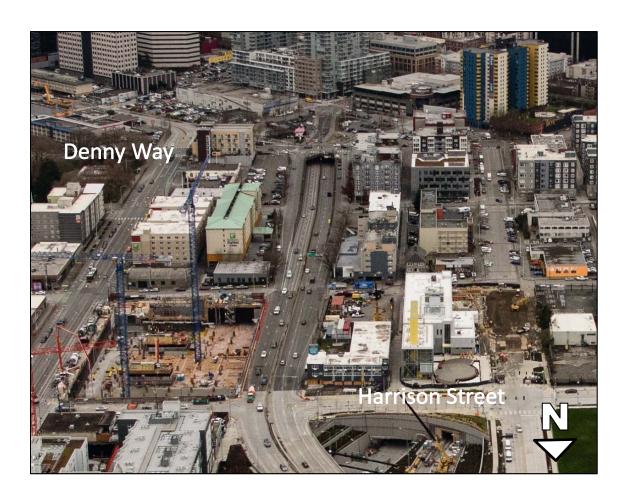


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- Raise Battery Street Tunnel approach to grade
- Rebuild Aurora Avenue between Denny Way and Harrison Street
- Reconnect Thomas and John streets
- Electrical duct bank and gas line utility work
- Paving and striping

Reconnecting

NORTH SURFACE STREETS



# Contractor's preliminary design

- Work begins shortly after tunnel opens
- Complete end of 2019
- Paving during summer months
- Final design work ongoing

Reconnecting

NORTH SURFACE STREETS

### Traffic Will Change

Some trips people take today will become quicker with the tunnel, while other trips will become a little longer.

### What to expect at first

- Traffic patterns will change because we are changing connections to SR 99.
- It will take time before traffic in Seattle settles into a new normal.
- Alaskan Way Viaduct demolition and several other major local construction projects will also affect traffic in Seattle.
- Many bus routes are planned to change as well.
- Tunnel will open toll-free for a period of time.



SR 99 Tunnel



### Monitoring Traffic

- WSDOT will gather and analyze data about traffic patterns at three time periods:
  - Before tunnel opens
  - After tunnel opens
  - After tolling starts
- Working closely with City of Seattle, King County and Port of Seattle.

### **Monitoring Boundaries**



SR 99 Tunnel

**OVERVIEW** 



# HOW to REACH US



#### **SR 99**

@BerthaDigsSR99

Bertha completed her dig and now we're completing the work to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct. WSDOT feed for construction and demolition updates.



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