

SR 519 Intermodal Access Project



2009: Plan ahead – www.wsdot.wa.gov/construction/2009

Street closures near sports stadiums and Port of Seattle in SODO

Closures will affect S. Royal Brougham Way, Fourth Avenue S., Third Avenue S., and the First Avenue S./S. Atlantic Street intersection. Calendar information is an estimate based on the best information available and could change.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed by June 2010, in time for the start of construction to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct between S. Holgate and S. King streets.



Partial closures

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2009

Four partial overnight closures of the First Avenue S. and S. Atlantic Street intersection for paving.

Closed

MARCH 2009/MARCH 2010

Crews will completely close S. Royal Brougham Way 15 times between March 2009 and March 2010 for overpass construction. The street will be closed from just east of Occidental Way S. and Fourth Avenue S. Each around-the-clock closure will last for seven consecutive days. Each closure must not conflict with nearby events with an expected attendance of 10,000 or more.

MARCH 2009/JUNE 2010

Third Avenue S. will be completely closed for 15 months between S. Royal Brougham Way and S. Atlantic Street for S. Atlantic Street off-ramp and embankment construction.

JUNE/JULY 2009

Fourth Avenue S. closed for five straight days between S. Royal Brougham Way and Holgate Avenue S. for construction of bridge forms and scaffolding.

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During construction and closures, drivers can anticipate:

- Congestion and detour routes on city streets in the SODO neighborhood
- Construction activity near the sports stadiums, particularly on S. Royal Brougham Way, Fourth Avenue S. and the First Avenue S. and S. Atlantic Street intersection.

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Why are these closures necessary?

Crews are building phase two of the SR 519 Intermodal Access project. That's not a very descriptive name, but the project is really about moving people and goods more efficiently, safely and quickly through Seattle's SODO neighborhood.

In this project crews will connect a westbound off-ramp from I-90 and I-5 to the S. Atlantic Street overpass and build a vehicle and pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks on S. Royal Brougham Way. We're also improving the intersection of First Avenue S. and S. Atlantic Street by adding turn and through lanes and widening sidewalks.

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How will drivers benefit?

These improvements will make the corridor safer for pedestrians and bicyclists and enhance traffic flow for freight traveling to the Port of Seattle, ferry commuters traveling to Colman Dock, and sports fans heading to the stadiums.

What should drivers do?

- Keep up to date on closures and construction progress by visiting the project Web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr519/
- Expect delays during major closures and plan accordingly.
- Consider alternatives to driving alone through SODO, such as carpooling, vanpooling, or taking transit.

What is WSDOT doing?

- Working to avoid closures during Mariners and Seahawks games and other major events.
- Working coordinate closures with the city of Seattle and other construction projects in the SODO neighborhood.
- Work closely with local media to deliver up-to-the minute traffic information.

What other work is WSDOT doing?

Crews are also busy in the area relocating electrical lines that are attached to the Alaskan Way Viaduct to underground locations east of the viaduct between S. Massachusetts Street and Railroad Way S.

What other closures or events should I know about?

January 2009 through summer 2009:

Weekday lane closures for Seattle Department of Transportation paving of First Avenue S. between S. Stacy and S. Horton streets.

March 15:

St Patrick's Day Dash closes I-5 express lanes

May 9:

Niketown 5K closes I-5 express lanes

June:

multiple college and high school graduations in downtown Seattle



A new off-ramp will connect westbound I-90 to the existing S Atlantic Street overpass next to Safeco Field.



Crews are widening the First Avenue S. and S. Atlantic Street intersection to add turn and travel lanes.



A new overpass over the railroad tracks at S. Royal Brougham Way will improve safety and eliminate delays for trains.

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