Alaskan Way Viaduct REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

TDM Advisory Committee
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Steps to opening the SR 99 tunnel

1. STP completes tunnel work
2. Move Alaskan Way to the west
3. 3-week (approx.) SR 99 closure
4. Complete final highway connections
5. Open tunnel
SR 99 closure and tunnel opening: get ready

- **Timing:** could be as early as this fall
- **Duration:** about three-weeks for SR 99 closure and up to three weeks of ramp closures
- **Closing a highway adds more drivers to other parts of the system:** 90,000 vehicles per day, including several thousand trucks, and buses have to use another route
- **Growth in region since 2016:** 85,000 more residents in King County, more construction and development
- **Expect long backups:** On I-5 and routes into downtown Seattle, especially during peak commute times
- **Major change to transportation system:** New SR 99 tunnel will open, other construction continues
What we experienced during nine-day SR 99 closure in 2016

- Region-wide impacts: higher travel times on I-5, SR 520, I-90
- Peak commutes started earlier and lasted longer
- More vehicles on downtown streets
- Sound Transit commuter rail ridership increased by 5 to 10%
- West Seattle water taxi ridership increased 135%, Vashon passenger ferry service increased by 27%
- Longer travel times for King County Metro buses rerouted off SR 99
- More cyclists on the road to avoid congestion
Keeping people and goods moving

- WSDOT, SDOT, Port of Seattle, King County Metro, Sound Transit implementing transportation management strategies.

- Incident response teams, increased staffing in transportation management centers, signal timing plans, uniformed police officers at key intersections, additional water taxi runs, standby Metro coaches, and more.

- Actively monitoring the transportation system.

We need your help: make a plan and communicate with your company

- Plan your operations for a longer duration closure; expect long backups on I-5 and routes into downtown Seattle, especially peak commute times.

- Plan for your employees: adjusted work hours, transit passes, teleworking / alternate work locations based on where employees live, carpool or vanpool, added shuttle service, etc.

- Communicate with your employees and business partners: Share information about the closure and your policies. Get ready for new routes when the SR 99 tunnel opens.
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