#### **Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Program**



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#### **Presentation Topics**

- Construction coordination
- Keeping people and goods moving during construction
- S. Spokane Street Viaduct Widening Project update
- S. Holgate Street to S. King Street Viaduct Replacement Project update

# **Construction Coordination Goals**

- No surprises.
- Maintain public trust.
- Agencies continue to work together.
- Coordinate work to minimize impacts to the public.

- Identify potential conflicts.
- Keep users (bicycles, pedestrians, transit, freight, drivers) moving.
- Maintain business and resident access.
- Build upon past experience.





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# Keeping People and Goods Moving During Construction

- Roadway improvements: SR 519 and Spokane Street Viaduct Fourth Avenue off-ramp.
- Transit investments: Added bus service and strategies to encourage transit, carpools and vanpools.
- System reliability: New electronic and travel time signs on I-5; and new electronic message signs on SR 99 and other routes to downtown.



Increased service from West Seattle.



Driver information signs on I-5.

# S. Spokane Street Viaduct Widening Project

- Completed construction of new eastbound off-ramp at Fourth Avenue S. and opened to traffic in August 2010.
- New westbound onand off-ramp at First Avenue S. is scheduled to open fourth quarter of 2011.



## **Construction Coordination Activities**

- Coordinate and communicate daily on construction activities.
- Ensure access for all modes (pedestrians, bicycles, freight, transit, ferry riders, event attendees and vehicles).
- Plan coordination approach up to three years in advance.
- Predict location, duration and type of road closures.
- Reduce conflicts and minimize traffic and business impacts.
- Proactively engage media with latest information.



### S. Holgate to S. King Viaduct Replacement



- Roadway will be complete in 2013.
- SR 99 remains open during construction.
- Reduced capacity on SR 99 south of S. King Street.
- South end viaduct demolition in early 2012.

#### **Demolishing the SR 99 On-ramp**



### Alaskan Way S. Closure

- Alaskan Way S. closed in both directions between S. Atlantic Street and S. Royal Brougham Way.
- Closure in place until at least 2013.
- Allows relocation of BNSF railroad tail track to opposite side of street and completion of bypass bridge.
- Ongoing coordination with Port and stakeholders.



### Alaskan Way S. Closure



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#### **Building the SR 99 Detour**



## **Driving Piles for the New SR 99 Roadway**

- Currently driving piles for new SR 99 southbound roadway.
- Starting in mid-May, crews will work in close proximity to the existing viaduct.
- Will reduce lanes on SR 99 between West Seattle Bridge and S. Royal Brougham Way to allow for this work.



# **Reducing SR 99 to Two Lanes in Each Direction**

- Two northbound lanes, and a transit-only northbound lane.
- Two southbound lanes.
- May 14-15 viaduct closure to reconfigure.
- SR 99 configuration will remain in place until 2013 and possibly longer, until the central waterfront segment of the viaduct is replaced.

#### **Reducing SR 99 to Two Lanes in Each Direction**



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