

Alaskan Way Viaduct REPLACEMENT PROGRAM



Transforming the SR 99 corridor south of Downtown Seattle

The January 2014 opening of the South Atlantic Street overpass is the latest step in our efforts to reshape the State Route 99 corridor. Those changes are especially noticeable at the south end of downtown. It wasn't that long ago, you may recall, that the southern mile of the SR 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct stretched past the stadiums. That all changed when we demolished this section of the viaduct in 2011 and completed a new SR 99 roadway through the south end in 2012. There's still a lot of hard work ahead and more changes in store for travelers as we continue building a better SR 99.

January 2014

Currently, drivers pass under the new overpass in the transition from the permanent SR 99 roadway to the curvy bypass around the SR 99 tunnel construction site. The four-lane bypass has been in place since the viaduct demolition, but change is coming this summer.

Summer 2014

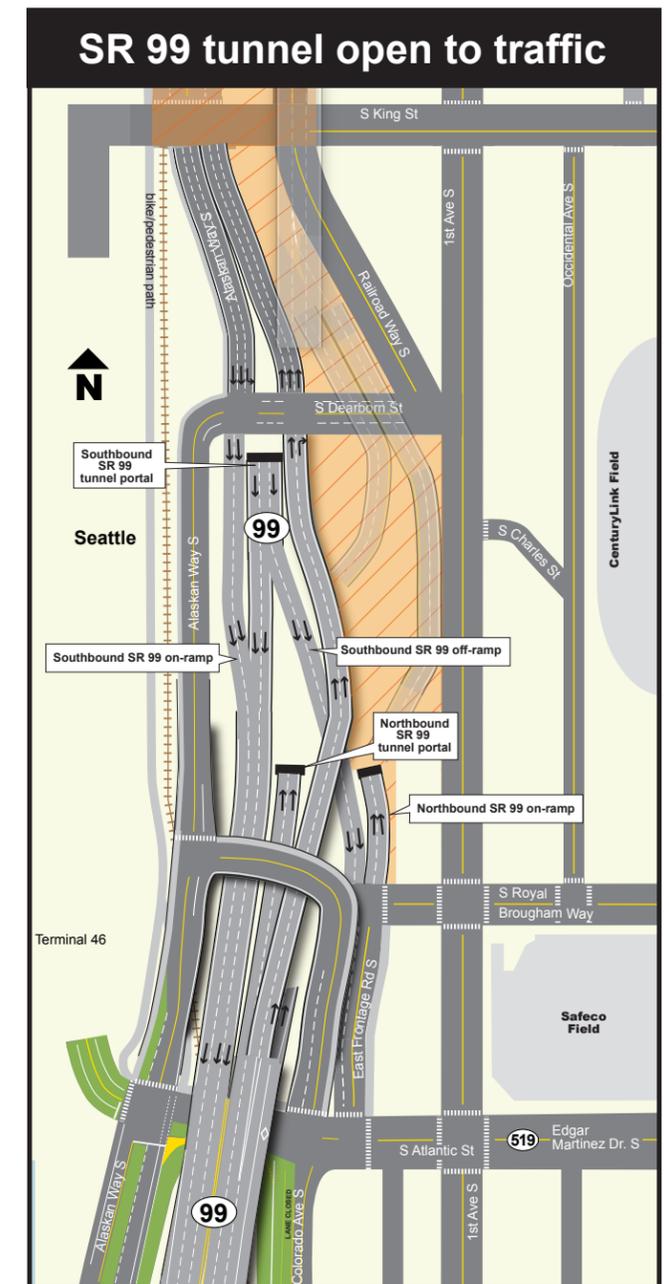
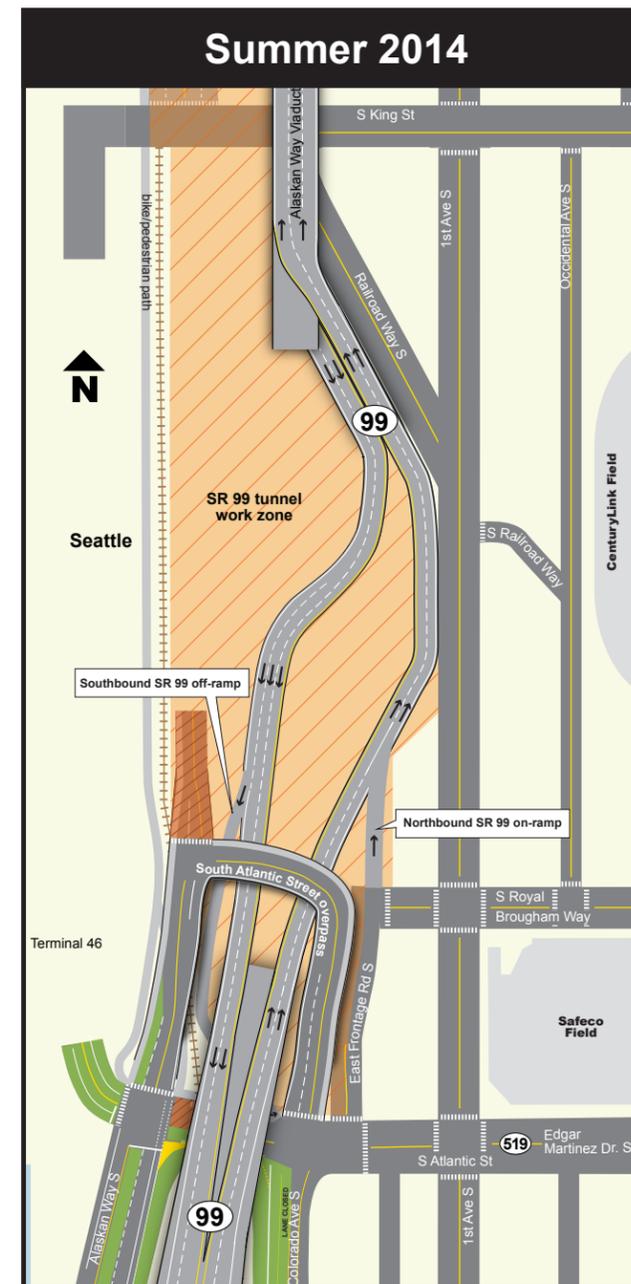
In its current shape, the bypass made it possible to launch Bertha, the SR 99 tunneling machine, and to get started on the portion of the tunnel that connects to the new roadway completed in 2012. To finish that connection and build ramps in and out of the tunnel, crews will split the northbound and southbound lanes of the bypass to make room for construction.

SR 99 tunnel open to traffic

The tunnel is open to traffic and the curvy bypass is headed to the recycling bin. Demolition of the central waterfront section of the viaduct will begin in 2016, including the on- and off-ramps at Columbia and Seneca streets. New ramps will take traffic in and out downtown Seattle and the South Atlantic Street overpass will connect to a newly rebuilt Alaskan Way South, connecting drivers on the west side of SR 99 to Pioneer Square and the waterfront.

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