

# SR 99 bored tunnel and new Alaskan Way

The SR 99 bored tunnel will be located under First Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in 2011, with the tunnel open to traffic in 2015.

Elements of the bored tunnel:

- Two lanes of traffic, with shoulders, in each direction.
- Approximately two miles long.
- Between 60 and 200 feet underground.



Early concept of the bored tunnel.

The bored tunnel also allows us the option of building the new corridor while SR 99 remains open to traffic.

The new Alaskan Way will be located in the footprint of the viaduct once it is removed. It will have an efficient connection to Elliott and Western avenues, providing important access to and from northwest Seattle.



Early concept of new Alaskan Way and the connection to Elliott Avenue and Western Avenue.



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The new boulevard will be four lanes (two lanes each way) plus turn lanes between Pike and Columbia streets. Alaskan Way will have six lanes south of Columbia Street to accommodate ferry traffic. All of the intersections will be signalized, and signals will be timed to move traffic efficiently. Signalized pedestrian crossings will ensure safe pedestrian access to the waterfront and more predictability for vehicles.



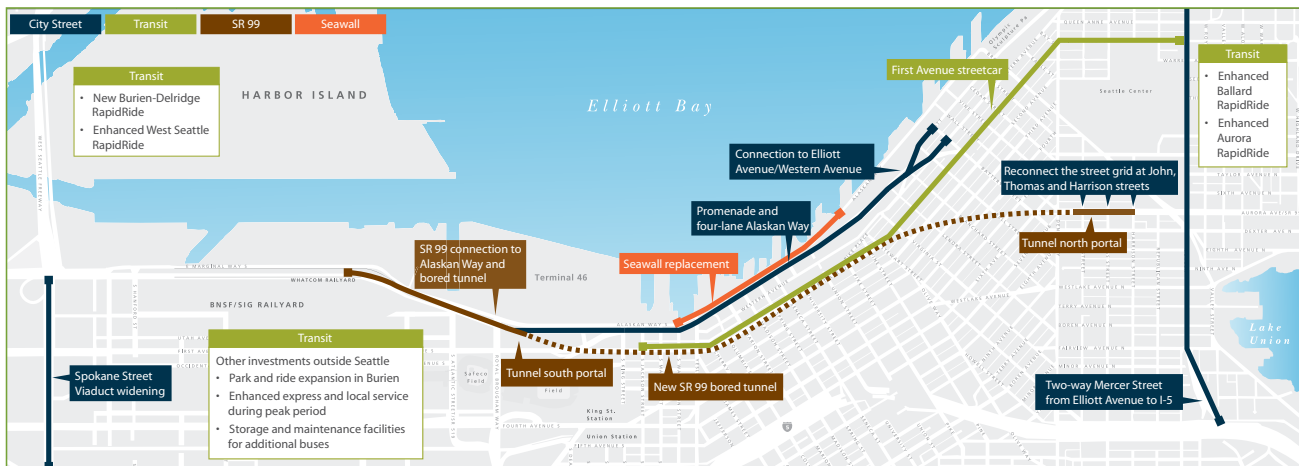
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Early concept of Alaskan Way and the waterfront promenade.

WSDOT, King County and the City of Seattle are moving ahead to replace the seismically vulnerable Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall with a bored tunnel beneath downtown, a new waterfront surface street, transit investments, and downtown waterfront and city street improvements. This solution will:

- Create a seismically safe replacement for the viaduct.
- Provide capacity in the transportation system for today and the future.
- Provide more travel choices while improving access and mobility to and through downtown Seattle.
- Create a world-class destination on Seattle's waterfront for residents and visitors.
- Minimize construction effects on businesses and the traveling public.



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