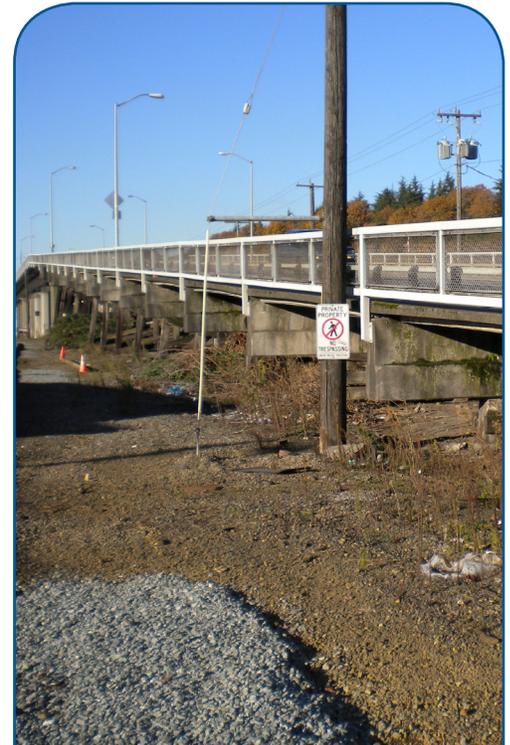


# The Airport Way South Viaduct will close for construction in early 2011

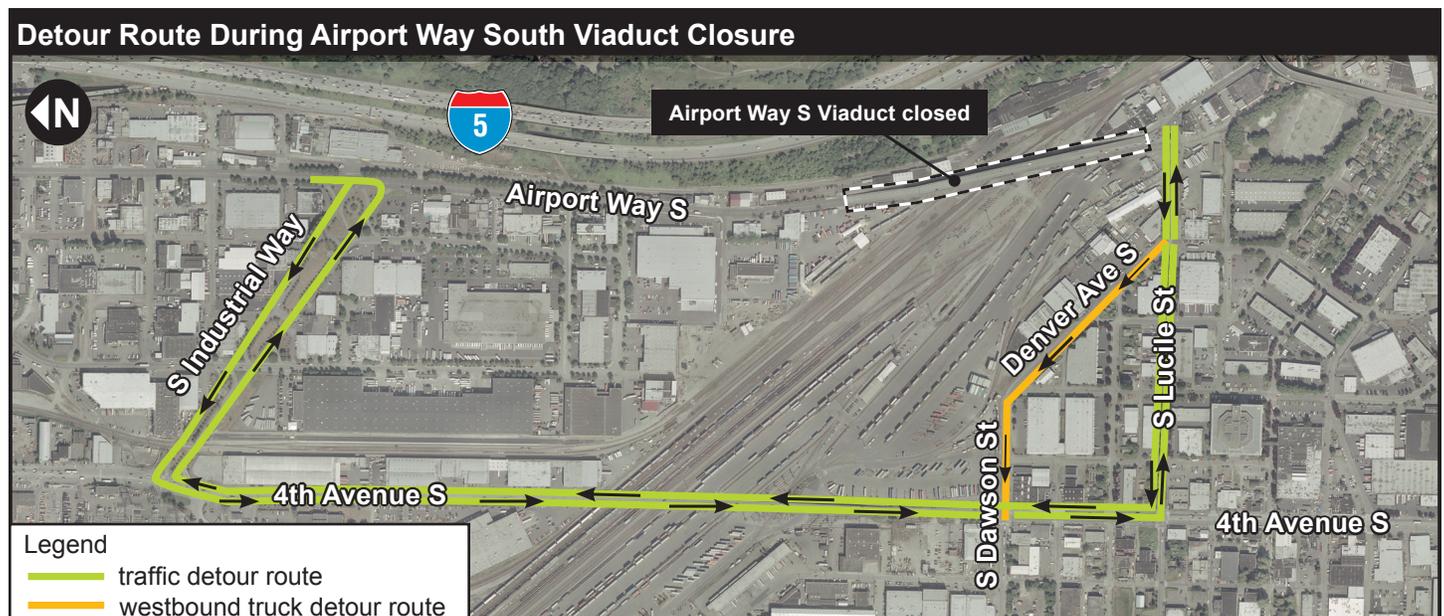
The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is on schedule to replace the north and south approaches of the Airport Way South Viaduct in early 2011 as part of the City's Bridging the Gap program. The work will include seismic retrofitting and rehabilitation of the mainspan of the viaduct. Completing this project is necessary to maintain a safe and reliable transportation corridor for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. The estimated total project cost is \$34 million. During construction the viaduct will be closed for approximately 12 - 14 months. Preliminary work is expected to begin in early 2011.

## Detour route

During the viaduct closure, all vehicles and pedestrians will be detoured to 4th Avenue South from South Industrial Way, South Lucile Street and/or Denver Avenue South and South Dawson Street and cyclists will be routed to 1st Avenue South. Denver Avenue South and South Dawson Street will be primarily used as the truck detour route during construction and will become one-way westbound during construction to allow for larger vehicles and trucks to make a right turn on to 4th Avenue South. Eastbound and westbound traffic will be permitted on South Lucile Street. Signage will be placed throughout the region to alert users of the viaduct closure and detour route.



View of Airport Way South Viaduct, looking north



## Project schedule

In early 2011, a contractor will be selected to perform the rehabilitation work on the viaduct. Prior to the start of construction improvements will be made to South Lucile Street, South Dawson Street and Denver Avenue South. Work on the Airport Way South Viaduct is expected to be complete by fall 2012.

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\* Phasing is approximate and subject to contractor revision.

## We are anticipating the potential impacts

SDOT is committed to keeping business vibrant and traffic moving through the project area during construction. SDOT will work with the community in the months ahead to plan for construction and maintain a safe travel corridor for vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and emergency vehicles.



### Improvements include:

- Replacement of the existing north and south timber approach structures with a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall structure.
- Rehabilitation and seismic improvements to the mainspan of the viaduct.
- Ground improvements to address poor soil conditions at the approaches.
- A new driving surface on the mainspan of the bridge and improvements to surrounding Georgetown streets.

## Bridging the Gap

Bridging the Gap is the \$365 million levy passed by Seattle voters in 2006. It enables much-needed work by SDOT, such as roadway paving, sidewalk development and repair, bridge maintenance, and tree pruning and planting. It also supports the Bicycle and Pedestrian master Plans, enhanced transit connections and large Neighborhood Street Fund Projects.



## Stay informed!

For more information about this project please visit the project Web site: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/bridgerehab\\_airportargo.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bridgerehab_airportargo.htm)

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