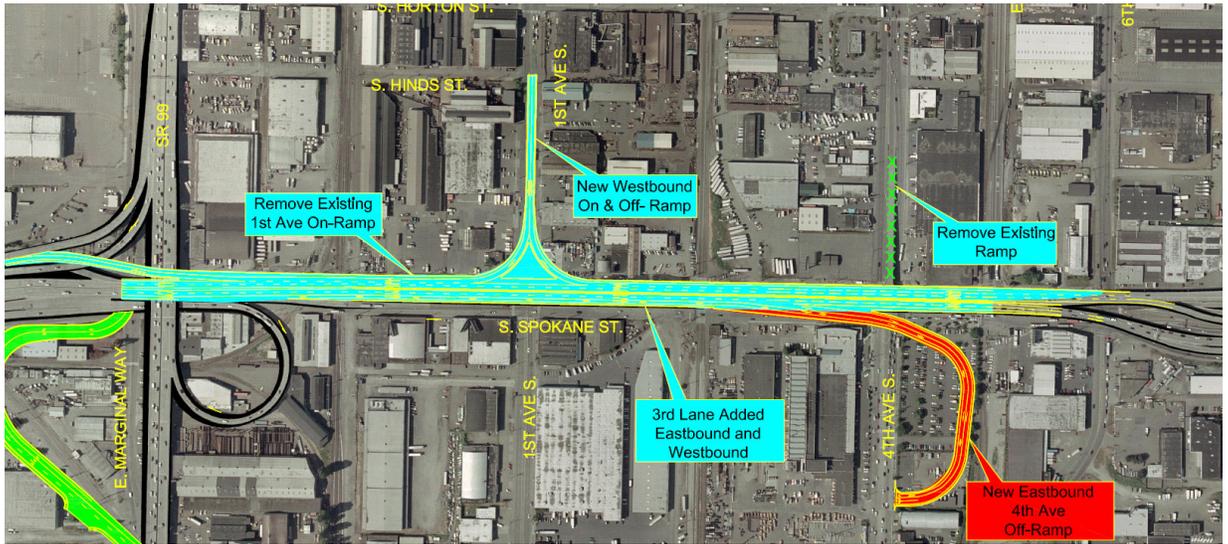




# South Spokane Street Viaduct – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ramp and Widening Projects



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will add an eastbound off-ramp at Fourth Avenue S, and relocate the westbound on- and off- ramps from their current location on Fourth Avenue to First Avenue S.

In addition, the upper roadway will be widened by 41 feet between Sixth Avenue S and East Marginal Way, making space for a new westbound acceleration-deceleration lane, a permanent median, and wider lanes and shoulders. The lower roadway will be rebuilt in concrete in both directions.

## PROJECTED SCHEDULE

July-October 2008 – Utility relocations  
 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008—Fourth Ave. Ramp Construction begins  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009 – Widening construction begins  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2011 – Construction complete

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## WHY THESE PROJECTS ARE IMPORTANT

The South Spokane Street Viaduct is a critical connection linking the Port of Seattle and West Seattle residents and businesses to I-5, I-90 and SR 99. It also serves travelers going to a major industrial center, the Duwamish Manufacturing and Industrial Center (DMIC) which provides approximately 68,000 jobs.

On average, the Spokane Viaduct carries 65,000 trips every day and is a major east/west truck route. The project focuses on minimizing conflicts between freight, rail, commuters and ferry traffic and on improving access.

## FREIGHT COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS

- Project is high priority for both Port and freight community
- Construction related impacts and detours will be difficult
- Capacity for trucks will be improved by more than 10 per cent, and traffic delays will be reduced
- Access to both Fourth Avenue S and First Avenue S will be improved prior to Alaskan Way Viaduct removal