

CIP Project Suggestions, by District Council

District Council Duwamish

Project Title

Reactivate the on-ramp to the Spokane St viaduct

Project Location

S Spokane Street viaduct, westbound on-ramp at 1st Ave S

Project Description

Reopen the on-ramp at approximately 1st Ave S that leads up to the S. Spokane St. viaduct. This is restoration of an existing asset.

Project Justification

As I recall, this on-ramp was closed after an accident killed a motorist in a head-on collision in this area in the early 90s, and subsequently jersey barriers were installed on the viaduct. Are the jersey barriers sufficient to prevent this type of collision again? The opening of this on ramp (which still has only temporary barriers after 12 years, that appear to be moved with some regularity) would alleviate congestion made by long waits at this intersections for trains. Vehicles coming from the industrial area and heading westbound to W. Seattle or Harbor Island would be able to avoid any train crossings if they could enter the viaduct at this location. Reopening this on ramp would be consistent with one of the Mayor's high priorities to "keep Seattle moving!"

Reviewing Department

SDOT

Dept Recommendations

This ramp cannot be reopened. The grades are too steep to provide proper acceleration lengths and sight distance is restricted.