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## Project improvements

By May 2012, when construction is complete, drivers will benefit from:

- A South Spokane Street Viaduct that is **twice as wide**, providing commuters and freight traffic with wider shoulders, and a new westbound merge lane for entering and exiting the Viaduct to improve traffic flows.
- A new eastbound Spokane Street Viaduct off-ramp to 4th Avenue South that will allow commuters and freight traffic direct access to the SODO area while avoiding rail traffic.
- A new consolidated westbound South Spokane Street Viaduct on- and off-ramp at 1st Avenue South with merge lanes and much safer entry and exit sight-lines.
- An improved South Spokane Street (lower roadway) with new pavement, sidewalks and utilities, making it more efficient and pleasant for commuters, freight, bikers and pedestrians.

## Project timeline

Date	Closure or milestone
January 2010	Close and remove existing off-ramp from westbound South Spokane Street Viaduct to 4th Avenue South
January 2010	Close westbound South Spokane Street (lower roadway) between 6th Avenue South and East Marginal Way
Spring 2010	Close and remove existing on-ramp to westbound South Spokane Street Viaduct from 1st Avenue South
Summer 2010	Open eastbound South Spokane Street lower roadway
Fall 2010	Open new eastbound South Spokane Street Viaduct off-ramp to north- and southbound 4th Avenue South
Late 2011	Open new westbound Spokane Street Viaduct on- and off-ramps at 1st Avenue South
May 2012	Project complete

\*Please note: all dates are subject to change



# South Spokane St Viaduct Widening Project

January 2010



The \$168 million South Spokane Street Viaduct Project is funded in part by Bridging the Gap, the \$365 million levy passed by Seattle voters in 2006, which also funds 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

- Visit the project Web site at [www.seattle.gov/spokane](http://www.seattle.gov/spokane)
- Sign up for project email updates on the Web site
- Call the information line at (206) 684-4747

### For more information

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## SDOT building a wider South Spokane Street Viaduct

- **Westbound off-ramp to 4th Ave S closing permanently**
- **New westbound on- and off-ramp at 1st Ave S by Fall 2011**

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is widening the South Spokane Street Viaduct—the 60-year-old elevated roadway that connects I-5 to the West Seattle Bridge. Working for SDOT, PCL Construction Services, Inc. (PCL), will begin work in January. Drivers should expect the following upcoming closures:

### January 22, 2010

**The westbound Spokane Street Viaduct off-ramp to 4th Avenue South will be permanently closed**

For alternate routes, please see the lower left box on the inside page titled *SODO area detour routes*.

### January 22-24, 2010

**The southbound I-5 off-ramp to the West Seattle Bridge will be closed at night**

Crews will close the southbound I-5 off-ramp to the West Seattle Bridge each night from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. to install barriers at the 4th Avenue South off-ramp.

For alternate routes, please see the dark blue box on the inside page detailing this closure.

### January 22, 2010

**Westbound lower South Spokane Street will be closed until 2012 when the project is complete**

On Jan. 15, crews will close westbound Spokane Street between 6th Avenue South and 4th Avenue South—a few months earlier than originally planned—for

essential utility relocations. Feb. 1, crews will extend the closure to East Marginal Way. PCL will maintain local access to businesses on Spokane Street.

### May 2010

**Westbound on-ramp to the West Seattle Bridge near 1st Avenue South will be permanently closed**

Drivers should access the West Seattle Bridge via SR 99 and/or I-5 until the new on- and off-ramps at 1st Avenue South are completed and open for use in late 2011.

### Ongoing

**Expect lane closures**

From January 2010 to May 2012, drivers should expect periodic lane closures while crews complete construction work including:

- Nighttime closures of the ramp from southbound I-5 to the westbound South Spokane Street Viaduct as-needed.
- Occasional nighttime lane closures in each direction of the South Spokane Street Viaduct at night. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.
- Nighttime or daytime lane closures of East Marginal Way South, 1st Avenue South, 4th Avenue South, 5th Avenue South and 6th Avenue South near South Spokane Street when needed.

# South Spokane St Viaduct Widening Project

## Westbound on-ramp from 1st Ave S to be removed: May 2010

Crews will permanently close the on-ramp to the westbound Spokane Street Viaduct from 1st Ave S while crews build a new combined on- and off-ramp at 1st Ave S. During this closure, drivers should access the West Seattle Bridge via SR 99 and/or I-5.

## New westbound on- and off-ramp at 1st Ave S: Summer 2011

The existing ramps at 4th and 1st Avenues are being replaced by a new combined ramp at 1st Ave S with gentler curves for improved traffic flow and smoother and much safer entry and exit points from the upper roadway.

## Off-ramp from westbound Spokane St Viaduct to 4th Ave S to be removed: January 22, 2010

Crews will remove this existing ramp and replace it with the new ramp at 1st Ave S. For alternative routes during this time see the box below.

## Viaduct widening

Crews are widening the upper roadway between 6th Ave S and E Marginal Way to provide room for wider lanes and shoulders, a new westbound acceleration/deceleration lane, and an additional eastbound lane between E Marginal Way and 4th Ave S.

## Jan. 22-24, 2010:

Crews will close the southbound I-5 off-ramp to the West Seattle Bridge each night from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. to install barriers at 4th Ave S.

Detour for drivers headed from southbound I-5 to West Seattle:

- Exit southbound I-5 at Forest St (before the exit to the West Seattle Bridge). Turn right on 6th Ave S. Turn left on S Lander St. Turn left at 1st Ave S. Turn right at Spokane St to access the westbound on-ramp to the West Seattle Bridge.

## Existing eastbound 1st Ave off-ramp

This off-ramp will remain in service during and after construction.

## New eastbound off-ramp to 4th Ave S: Fall 2010

Crews are building a new two-lane off-ramp from the eastbound upper roadway to northbound or southbound 4th Ave S.

## SODO area detour routes

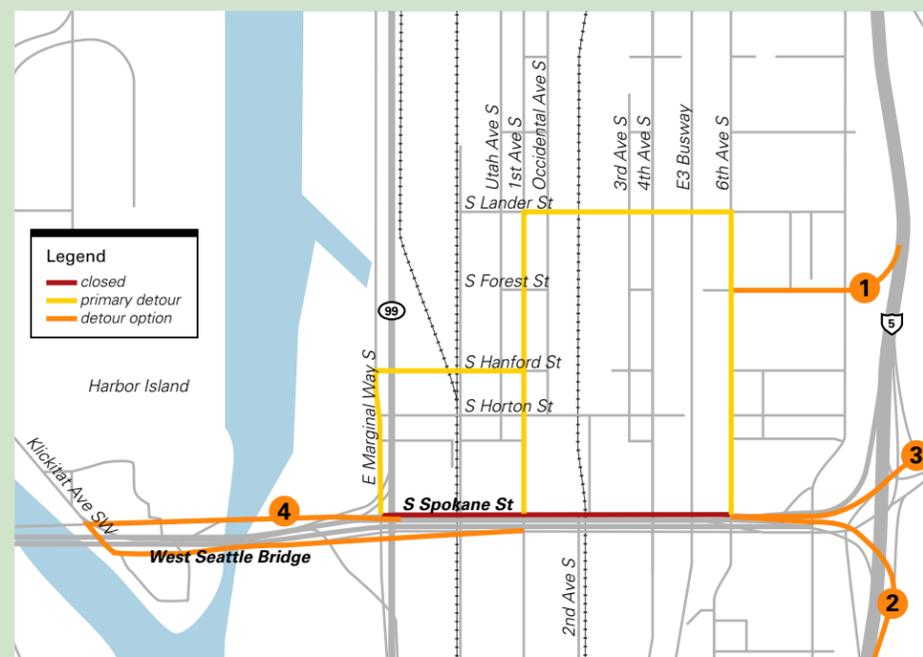
### Local street detour (see map)

When S Spokane St is closed (shown in red), local east- and westbound traffic will be detoured along E Marginal Way, S Hanford St, 1st Ave S, S Lander St and 6th Ave S.

### S Spokane St Viaduct detour (see map)

While ramps on the upper roadway are closed, use the following detours:

1. From southbound I-5, exit at Forest St (before the exit to the West Seattle Bridge). Turn right on 6th Ave S. Turn left on S Lander to access 4th Ave S.
2. From northbound I-5, take exit 163 for the West Seattle Bridge. At the fork, stay right to exit toward Spokane St/Safeco Field/Qwest Field. Merge onto lower S Spokane St until 6th Ave S, then follow the detour signs to 4th Ave S.
3. From S Columbian Way, head toward I-5. Follow signs for the West Seattle Bridge. Follow the signs for S Spokane St/6th Ave S, then follow the detour signs to 4th Ave S.
4. Heading westbound on the West Seattle Bridge, take the Harbor Island exit. Follow the "U-turn route" sign. Continue to E Marginal Way.



## Lower roadway reconstruction

SDOT is rebuilding the lower roadway between 6th Avenue S and E Marginal Way with curbs and sidewalks and a new storm drain system.

During construction, westbound lower Spokane St will be closed until May 2012 between 6th Ave S and E Marginal Way. Much of the eastbound lower roadway remains closed while the 4th Avenue off-ramp is under construction. Sections will re-open piecemeal as work is completed, but it will not be fully re-opened to through traffic east of 1st Avenue until summer 2010.

All businesses on Spokane St will remain open during construction.

