

Alaskan Way Viaduct **REPLACEMENT** PROGRAM



April 2016

Travel alternatives during approximate two-week viaduct closure

Beginning April 29, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will close the Alaskan Way Viaduct for approximately two weeks while Bertha, the SR 99 tunneling machine, tunnels beneath the structure. The closure will extend from the Battery Street Tunnel to the West Seattle Bridge.

We recognize that this closure will bring significant changes to both local and regional traffic patterns, and WSDOT is implementing a variety of measures to keep people moving. We are also asking for commuters to help by being prepared and adjusting travel habits where possible. Below are some ways you may be able to alter your commute.

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ADJUST YOUR TRAVEL TIMES & KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

If your schedule is flexible, consider adjusting your work hours to avoid peak travel times (6 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m.), which may start earlier and end later during the closure than typical rush hours.

Before you travel, check current travel times and stay engaged. Use WSDOT's online commute calculator, SDOT's traveler information map, or other real-time traffic tools to find out when you need to leave to arrive at your destination on time.

[WSDOT's Seattle-area live travel times page](#)

[WSDOT Traffic mobile app](#)

[WSDOT Live Traffic Cameras](#)

[SDOT Traveler Information Map](#)

[Commute Seattle's Commute Portal](#)



TRANSIT AND PARK & RIDES

There are over a dozen transit agencies operating in the Puget Sound region, all working to get you where you need to be. Check your transit options using the trip planning resources here.

During the closure, especially during peak commute times, buses may be more crowded than normal. Buses that use the viaduct will be rerouted. King County Metro will have extra buses on standby to help maintain schedules. WSDOT, Metro, Sound Transit and other local transit agencies are coordinating closely to keep people moving.

[Puget Sound Trip Planner \(desktop\)](#)

[Puget Sound Trip Planner \(mobile app\)](#)

[Park & Ride locations and information](#)

[OneBusAway mobile app](#)

Call King County Metro for help with trip planning at 206-553-3000



WORK FROM HOME

Working from home, or telecommuting, allows you to skip your commute altogether and still get your work done. It also helps save time, reduce commute and parking costs, and decrease congestion and pollution by taking cars off the road. Talk to your employer about possible options to work from home one or more days per week during the closure.

[WSDOT Travel Choices](#)

[King County Telework Commute Solutions](#)

[Online Telework Toolkit](#)



Clickable links
when viewed online

Questions? For additional information about the closure or to view a clickable version of this handout:

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RIDESHARE: CARPOOL, VANPOOL AND VANSHARE

Find nearby people interested in carpooling or vanpooling in a matter of minutes by using. RideshareOnline.com – a free, convenient, online ridematching service.

Many King County vanpools will also be offering free rides during the closure and there are special incentives, like free vanshares, available to new vanshare groups. Visit King County's Rideshare Rewards page for current promotions.

[King County Metro Rideshare Programs](#)

[King County Rideshare Rewards](#)

[RideshareOnline.com](#)

Customer service: 206-625-4500



BIKE

Been meaning to try out bike commuting? Now's a great opportunity! Bicycling can be faster than driving or riding transit, removes the stress of sitting in traffic, and builds exercise into your day. With thousands of other pedal-powered commuters in Seattle, there are plenty of resources to help get you started.

[SDOT's Seattle Bike Map](#)

[Cascade Bicycle Club](#)

[Pronto Cycle Share](#)



WALK

Walking for the last part of your trip into downtown to avoid the heaviest congestion, or walking the entire way if you live within a reasonable distance of your destination, is a free, reliable option that's good for you and good for the planet. Clear your head before or after work and enjoy the beauty that is Seattle.

[SDOT Walking Map](#)

[King County Downtown Accessibility Map](#)

[Feet First](#)



WATER TAXI

King County operates two water taxi routes that carry foot passengers and bicyclists between downtown Seattle and West Seattle (about a 10 min trip) or Vashon Island (about a 22 min trip). During the closure, five additional Vashon Island sailings and extra parking options near the West Seattle terminal will be added. With easy access, frequent service, near-terminal parking, reserved parking for vanshares, and no extra charge for bikes, it's no wonder more than half a million riders took the water taxi in 2015.

[King County Water Taxi](#)

Customer service: 206-477-3979



Get an ORCA card and pay for your bus, train, water taxi and ferry rides with one easy tap. Visit www.orcacard.com for more information about how and where to purchase a card.

Real-time traffic and travel tools

Use these real-time tools before your trip or en-route to stay up-to-date on the latest travel conditions.

WSDOT Live Traffic Cameras

www.wsdot.com/traffic/seattle/default.aspx

SDOT Traveler Information Map

web6.seattle.gov/travelers

Travel news on Twitter

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[@SeattleDOT](#) [@MyCommTrans](#)
[@KCMetroBus](#) [#99closure](#)

WSDOT Travel Times

www.wsdot.com/traffic/traveltimes/default.aspx

Transit Alerts

kingcounty.gov/metro/signup

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