

# SR 99 Tunnel Project

## Expect overnight construction near you Oct. 15 through Nov. 16

### What's happening?

Residents and businesses near the intersection of First Avenue South and Railroad Way South may notice increased construction activity Monday through Friday nights, Oct. 15 through Nov. 16, as crews building the SR 99 tunnel relocate utilities.

### Why is this work necessary?

Crews must relocate utilities in the neighborhood before tunneling begins in summer 2013.

### Where will this construction occur?

Crews will start this work on First Avenue South between South King Street and Railroad Way South. Later, they will move to Railroad Way South between South King Street and First Avenue South.

### How will this work affect traffic?

Crews will close First Avenue South during the first week of the closure, and Railroad Way South during the second week of the closure. A signed detour will direct drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians around the closure. A flagger will direct vehicles in and out of the parking garage on Railroad Way.

### What is the construction schedule?

Construction is expected to last five weeks, with work starting the week of Oct. 15.

- Monday, Oct. 15, through the morning of Friday, Oct. 19, crews will close First Avenue South between South King Street and Railroad Way South from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly.
- Monday, Oct. 22, through the morning of Friday, Oct. 26, crews will close Railroad Way South between South King Street and First Avenue South from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly.

This work is weather dependent and could be rescheduled. Work hours may vary to accommodate Seahawks and Sounders games. Visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Northwest/King/Seattle.html> for a list of construction closures in the area.

### How will crews manage construction noise?

Although certain construction activities are restricted between the hours of 10 p.m. and 9 a.m., some work may produce noise. You may hear chipping, generators, trucks and other equipment. The level of noise could vary from night to night.

Crews will take the following steps to minimize noise as much as possible:

- Schedule the loudest work prior to 10 p.m.
- Work behind temporary noise shields when possible.
- Use quiet backup alarms or spotters when possible.
- Requiring all construction trucks to have bed liners and secured tailgates that don't bang.

A noise monitor will be on hand during construction to measure noise and ensure it meets the requirements set by the City of Seattle's noise ordinance.

### What is the SR 99 Tunnel Project?

Crews are replacing the waterfront section of the Alaskan Way Viaduct with a bored tunnel beneath downtown Seattle. For information about the project, please visit our website.

### Questions or concerns?

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