



# GOODBYE VIADUCT HELLO WATERFRONT

Waterfront Seattle completed several major construction efforts this fall – we are ready for Viaduct removal early next year! A huge thank you to our Waterfront community for your continued patience as we advance our construction along the waterfront. Read on for project highlights, upcoming traffic changes and your invitation to celebrate on the Viaduct in early 2019.

## **READY FOR VIADUCT REMOVAL**

Viaduct removal in early 2019 is a big moment for Waterfront Seattle and we are ready for it. Our critical infrastructure work – including underground utilities all along Alaskan Way – was ready ahead of the Alaskan Way traffic switch in October. Check out the photos below and [sign up](#) for weekly construction updates to receive the best photos and current traveler information.



*Installation of a vault that houses electrical and fiber-optic wiring between Seneca and Spring streets.*



*Panoramic view of preparations before the Alaskan Way traffic shift.*



*Alaskan Way is now west of the Viaduct. The road will be open, with lane restrictions as needed, during Viaduct removal. It will remain open as we start building the new Alaskan Way within the footprint of the Viaduct.*

## **A NEW PIER DRAWS NEAR(ER)**

We are currently placing new steel piles for Pier 62, and construction will continue through the winter. A winter work season avoids the spawning and migrating seasons of salmon and other species. Special construction techniques like the bubbles shown below protect other Elliott Bay creatures.



*The bubble curtain around new steel piles helps protect aquatic life during construction.*

## **#REALIGN99 STARTS JANUARY 11**

WSDOT will need to close SR 99 through downtown Seattle for approximately three weeks to realign the highway into the new SR 99 tunnel. This will be the longest major highway closure the Puget Sound Region has ever seen. Now is the time to get ready and there are new tools available, including [#Realign99](#) and a brand new City of Seattle resource at [seattle.gov/traffic](http://seattle.gov/traffic). During the January closure, both the Viaduct and the tunnel will be closed. WSDOT is holding [drop-in sessions](#) in early December where you can learn more about Viaduct removal.

## **SAY "GOODBYE VIADUCT, HELLO WATERFRONT" ON FEBRUARY 2**

With the Viaduct coming down in early 2019, you're invited to a proper farewell celebration on Saturday, February 2! We'll have art, music, kids' activities and a

sneak preview of the future waterfront, plus great views and an excited crowd ready for what comes next. Be sure to get a [free ticket](#) and we'll share more details soon!



## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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