



# Viaduct News



## UPDATE

February 15, 2019

### VIADUCT REMOVAL BEGINS

WDOT contractor, Kiewit Infrastructure West Co., began demolition today, Feb. 15. Over the next six months or so, they will use large machinery to crunch, munch and cut the structure into pieces to be hauled away by truck. When the viaduct is gone, the City of Seattle will begin work on a new surface street and public open space along the waterfront.

Demolition started at the former on-ramp that connects First Avenue to the viaduct at **Columbia Street**. Soon, a second crew will begin demolishing a **section of the viaduct near Pike Street**. Demolition will occur in sections, with crews generally spending no more than 30 days working in each area. [This video](#) explains the demolition plan in more detail. A new interactive [web tracker](#) allows you to follow Kiewit's progress.

### HIGHLIGHTS & NOTES:

- Crews are focused in two areas – the Columbia Street on-ramp and the area near Pike Street.
- Western Street will be closed at intersection with Columbia St. from 2/8 to 3/9.
- VIDEO: [The path to demolition for Alaskan Way Viaduct in Seattle](#)
- REMOVAL TRACKER: [Interactive Viaduct Removal Tracker](#)
- The [new northbound off-ramp to Alaskan Way](#) at the south portal remains closed. That's especially important for travelers approaching downtown from the south since they won't have the option to exit before the tunnel. That means the next available exit is at the north portal, near the Space Needle.

### 2019 VIADUCT KEY DATES

#### **February 15 - July: Viaduct Removal Begins**

- Delayed from original start date of February 8 due to snow and weather conditions.
- Be prepared for increased noise and dust near the demolition site.
- NOTE: Western Avenue between Blanchard and Bell streets, the intersection of Western Avenue and Bell Street will be closed.

#### **February TBA: New Northbound off-ramp on SR Route 99 to Open**

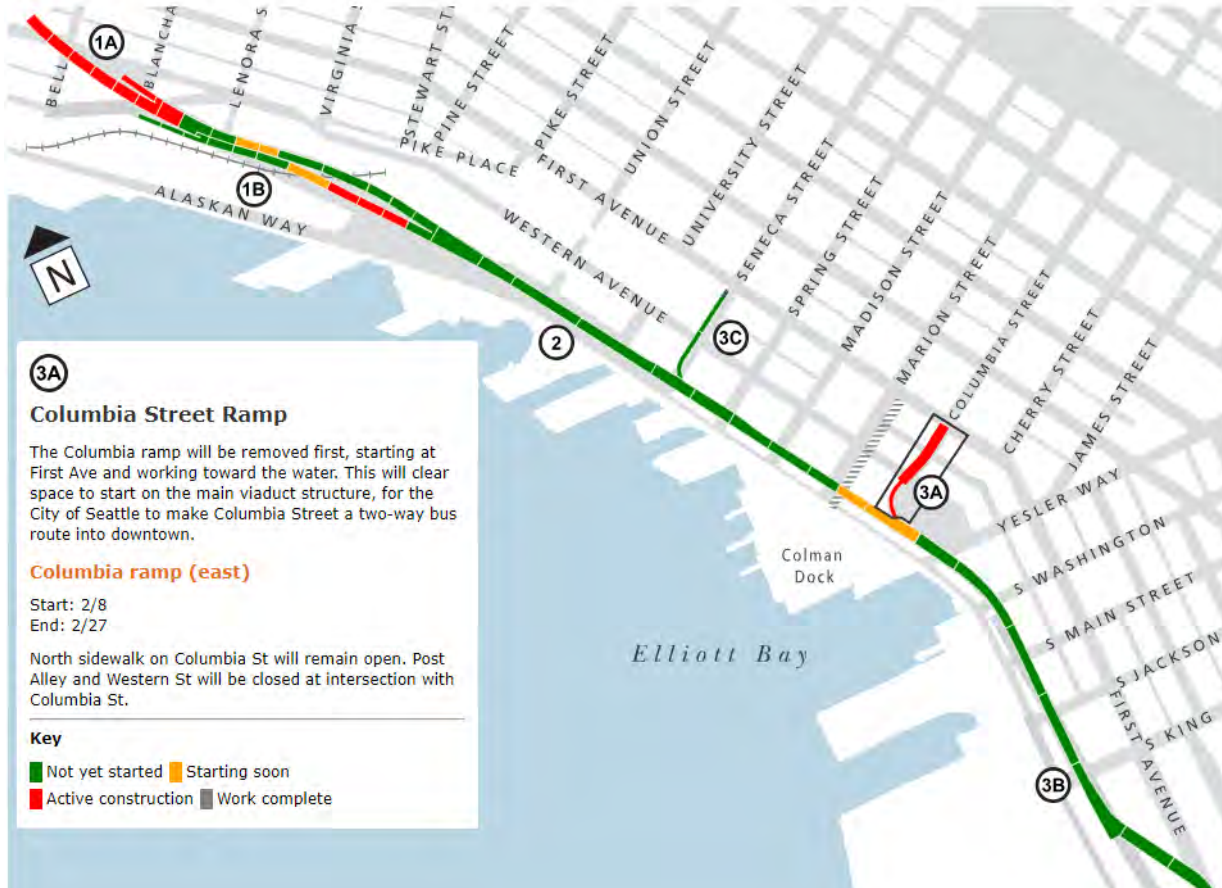
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### RESOURCES:

- Learn more at the new resource webpage, [Neighborhood News](#), on the Pike Place Market website.

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