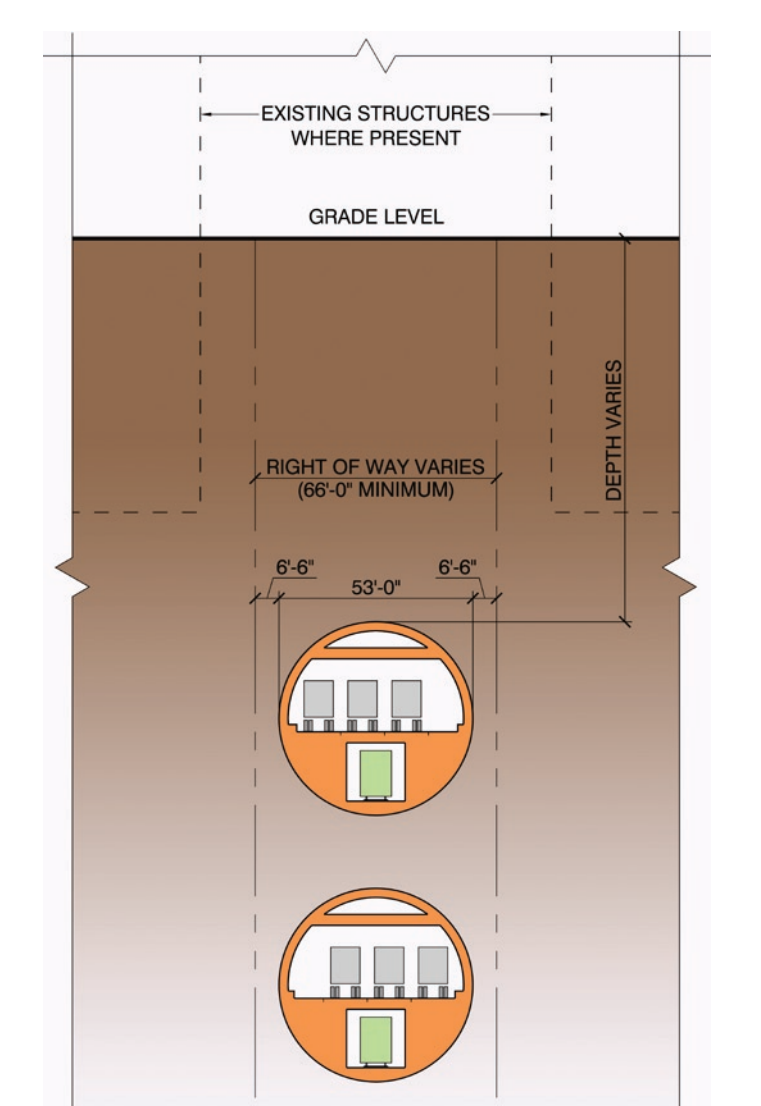
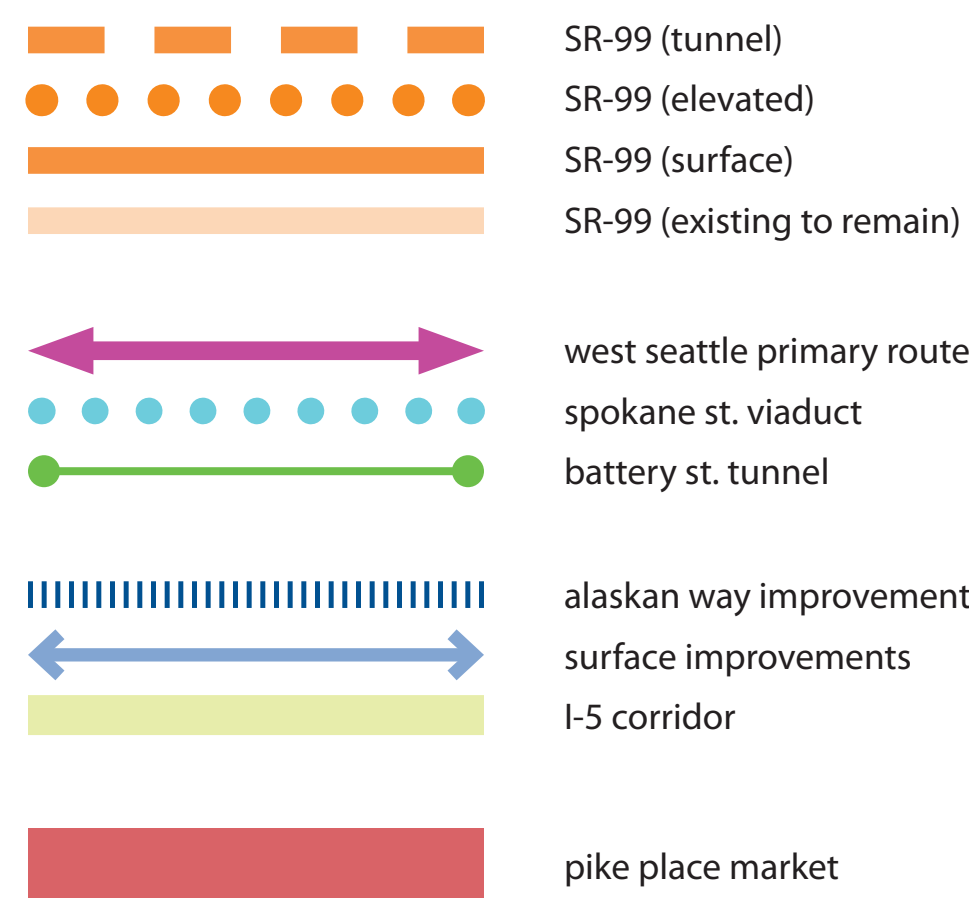
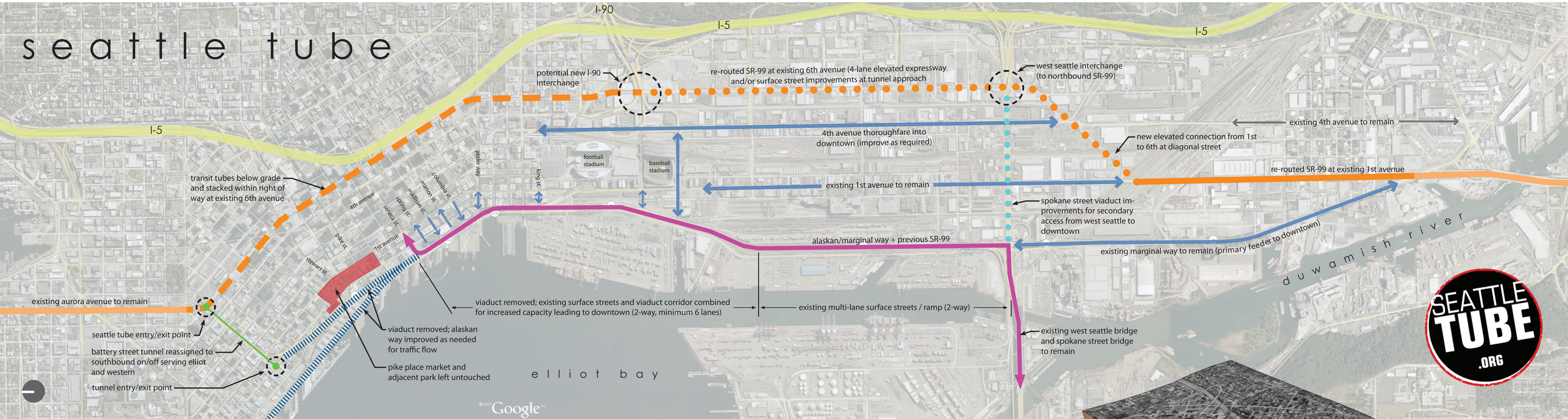


# seattle tube



**tube diagram**  
3 lanes + emergency each way  
opportunity for transit integration

## Seattle Tube: A Better Viaduct Alternative

**The Seattle Tube is a viaduct replacement alternative aimed at fixing our city's traffic issues while avoiding years of construction-related traffic congestion and providing an end product that truly meets our needs.**

- The Seattle Tube is a proposal for a re-routed SR-99 expressway consisting of:
- twin bored tunnels running within the 6th avenue right of way from denny way to the I-90 interchange
  - an elevated expressway from sixth avenue south to first avenue south

Traffic into town is accomodated with:

- improved access to 4th avenue south and 1st avenue south
- redeveloped alaskan way from spokane street to seneca street
- reassignment of battery street tunnel for west edge access

Major advantages include:

- minimizes traffic impact during construction vs. new viaduct or surface street options (phased construction allows existing viaduct to remain in service during new SR-99 construction)
- end product maintains or increases current traffic capacity at completion
- uses established technology while avoiding problematic sub-surface conditions near the waterfront
- enhances regional transportation connectivity/traffic flow
- opens waterfront while keeping existing primary downtown access point at seneca intact
- construction and traffic do not require a significant impact at pike place market

