Managing a Mega Project – the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program

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The State Route 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct has been a fixture of Seattle’s skyline and a vital north-south route through downtown for nearly 60 years. The Washington State Department of Transportation is replacing the seismically vulnerable structure with a tunnel and other projects that will reshape the SR 99 corridor. Join David Sowers, WSDOT Deputy Program Administrator, for an update on current construction, mega project management tools and how we are working through the challenges related to the stoppage of the tunnel boring machine, Bertha.

David Sowers is the Deputy Program Administrator with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). As the Deputy Program Administrator for Operations David oversees business management, tolling, facilities management, real estate, and third party agreements for the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program (AWV). David’s 17-year career has included roles as a Design Engineer at a local geotechnical consulting firm; Senior Geotechnical Engineer for WSDOT’s Headquarters Geotechnical Division; and, Project Manager for Washington State Ferries, where he served as both design manager and construction resident engineer on a number of ferry terminal projects. Most recently, David was WSDOT’s resident engineer for the $84 million SR-519 Intermodal Access Project, a highly complex Design-Build project. David holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University and Auburn University, respectively, and is a registered engineer in Washington State.

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