



East Marginal Way S North Segment

Transportation Committee

September 16, 2025

Council Bill 121023

- Proposed legislation

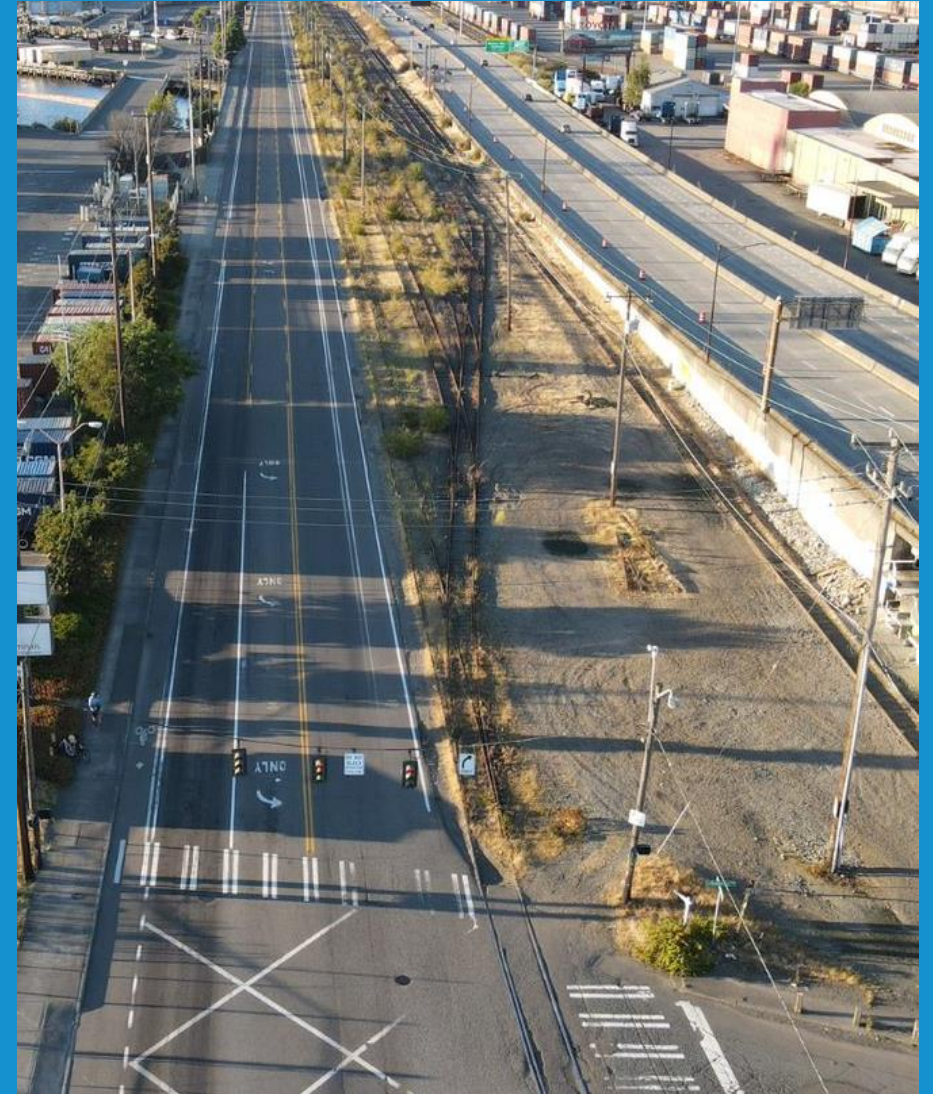
- Corrects an error in Ordinances 126969 and 126970 regarding the name of the BNSF subsidiary that legally holds the railroad franchise for the Whatcom Yard intermodal facility in SODO
- Necessary to certify right-of-way reconfigured by the North Segment of the E Marginal Way Corridor Improvement project



Whatcom Yard Franchise Agreements & Ordinances 126969 and 126970

Ordinances 126969 and 126970 amended the legal descriptions of the BNSF franchise agreement to:

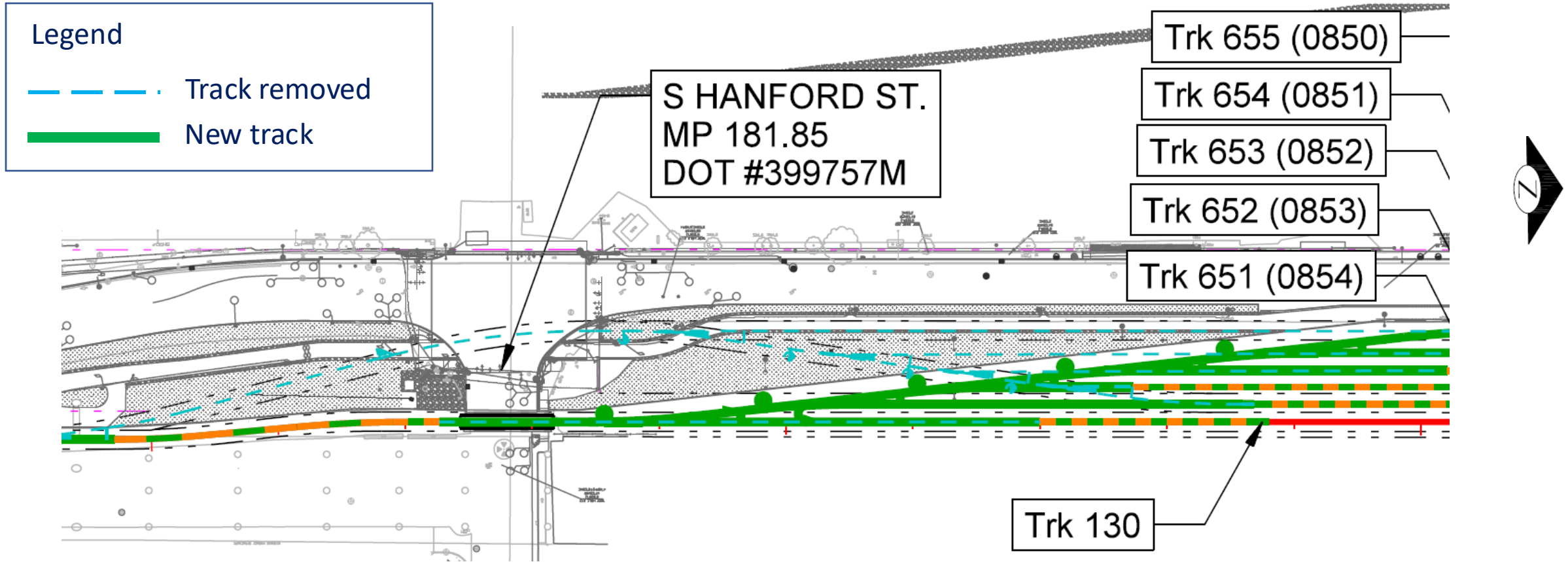
- Removes area that no longer has railroad track
- Revises areas being reconfigured by the E Marginal Way project





Franchise agreement limits amended to match future track locations
Franchise rights removed because track has been removed

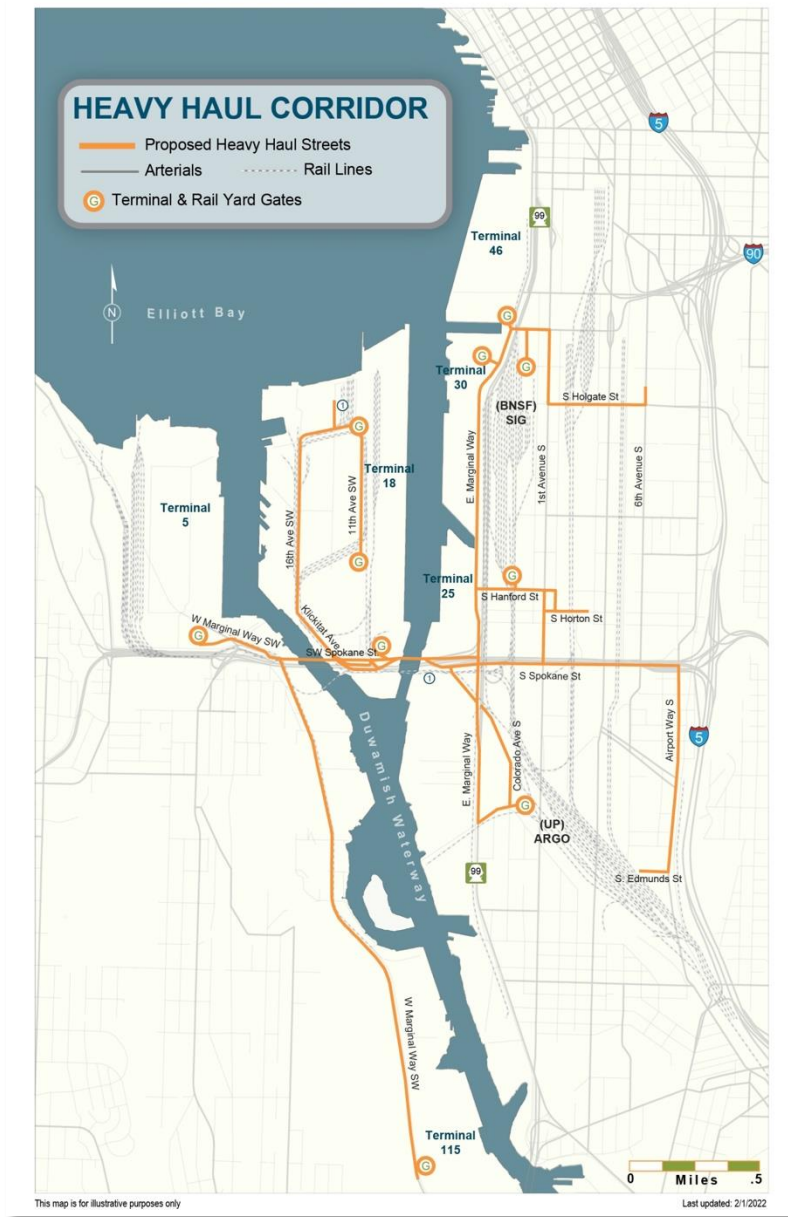
Whatcom Yard reconfiguration



Whatcom Yard redesign triggered by safety improvements at S Hanford St

Effect of legislation

- No substantive change to underlying Ordinances 126969 and 126970
- Corrects name of BNSF subsidiary with franchise right
 - “Burlington Northern Railroad Holdings, Inc.” to “BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), a Delaware Corporation”





From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!