

# Transportation Concerns with Proposed SODO Arena and Related Street Vacation

Presentation for the Seattle City Council  
Sustainability and Transportation Committee

April 5, 2016



# **Petition for Vacation of Occidental Avenue S.**

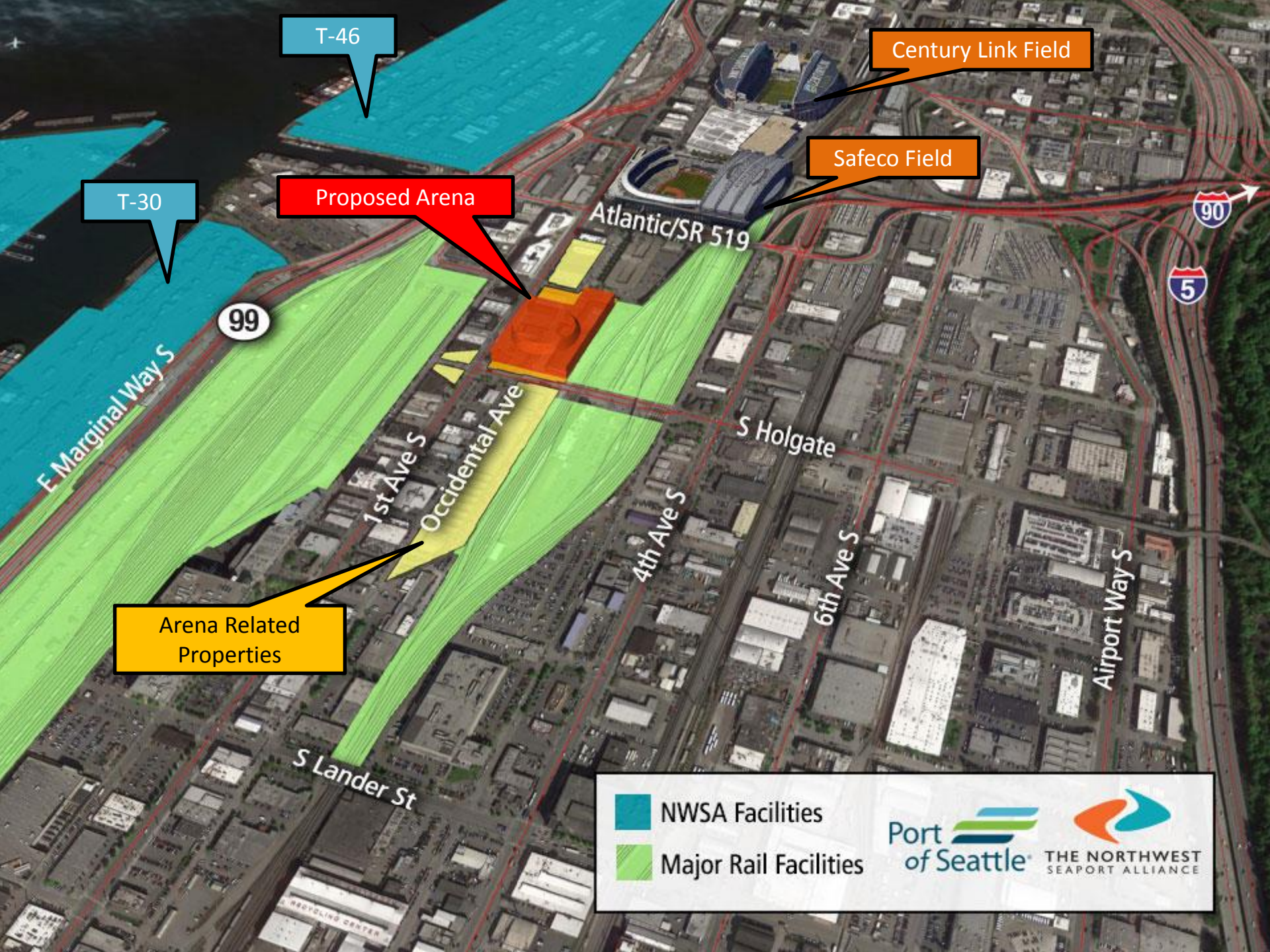
- **The Council should not approve a street vacation petition unless the petition is in the public interest. *Chap. 35.79 RCW; Chap. 15.62 SMC.***
- **A street vacation petition should not be approved if it results in negative effects to circulation systems, unless these effects can be mitigated. *City's street vacation policies, Policy 1.***

# **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Responsibilities**

- **The City is “lead agency” under SEPA for the arena proposal (including the street vacation petition).**
- **The process evaluates the “probable significant adverse environmental impacts” of the arena proposal and determines the appropriate mitigation for those impacts.**
- **It failed to address the probable significant adverse traffic impacts of vacating Occidental Ave S., including adverse impacts to freight mobility and Port operations.**

# **The City's SEPA Process Failed to Fully Consider the Key Arena Alternative**

- **AECOM study, released after the SEPA addendum, concluded Key Arena could be remodeled for NBA and NHL use.**
- **As SEPA lead agency, City should fully consider the AECOM study before rendering a decision on the street vacation petition.**
- **Approval of the street vacation petition without full consideration of the probable adverse traffic impacts and the Key Arena alternative would make the decision vulnerable to a legal challenge.**



T-46

Century Link Field

Safeco Field

T-30

Proposed Arena

Atlantic/SR 519

99

E Marginal Way S

1st Ave S

Occidental Ave

4th Ave S

S Holgate

6th Ave S

Airport Way S

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Arena Related Properties

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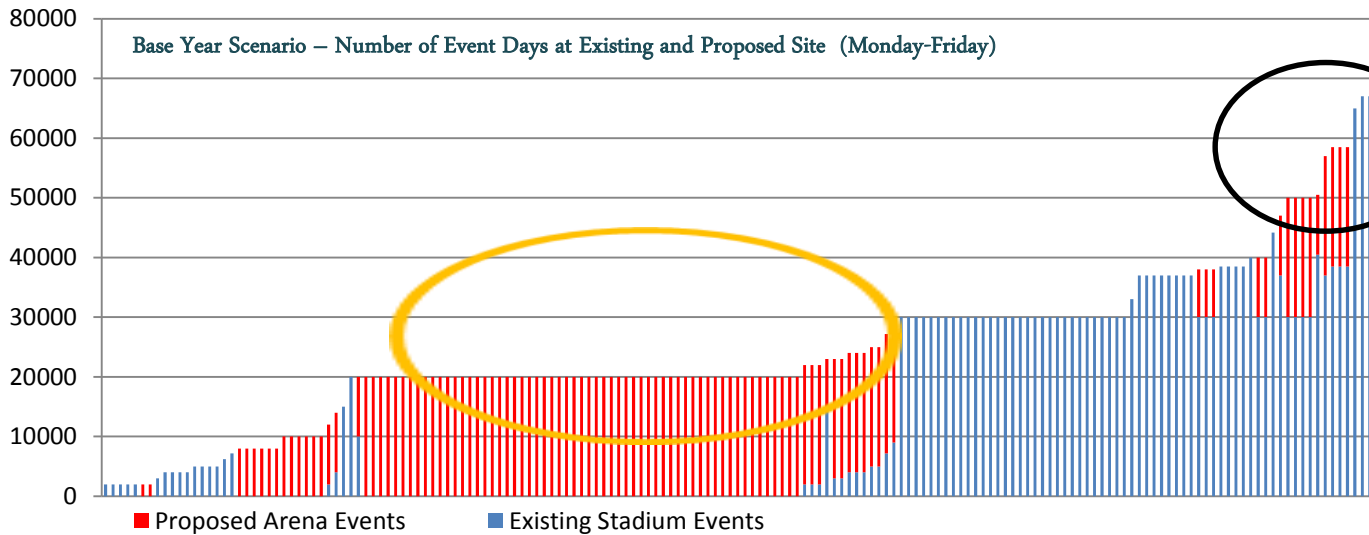
NWSA Facilities

Major Rail Facilities

Port of Seattle

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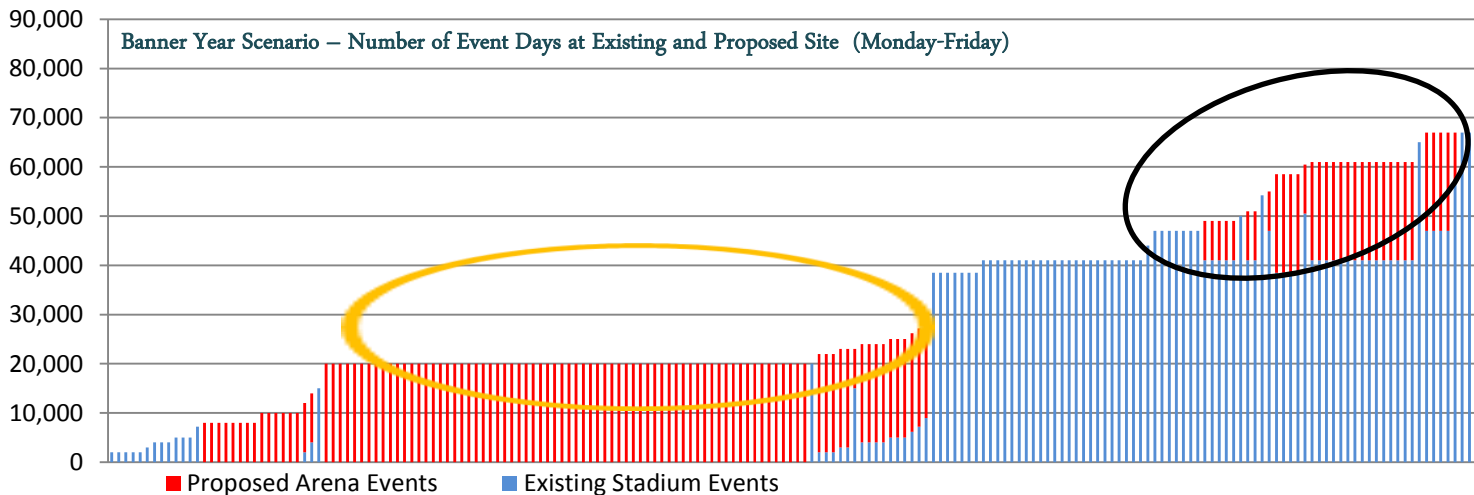
# Findings from 2012 King County Expert Review Panel



**99** weekday dates with existing stadiums

**172** weekday dates when combined with proposed arena

**31** new dates with double events



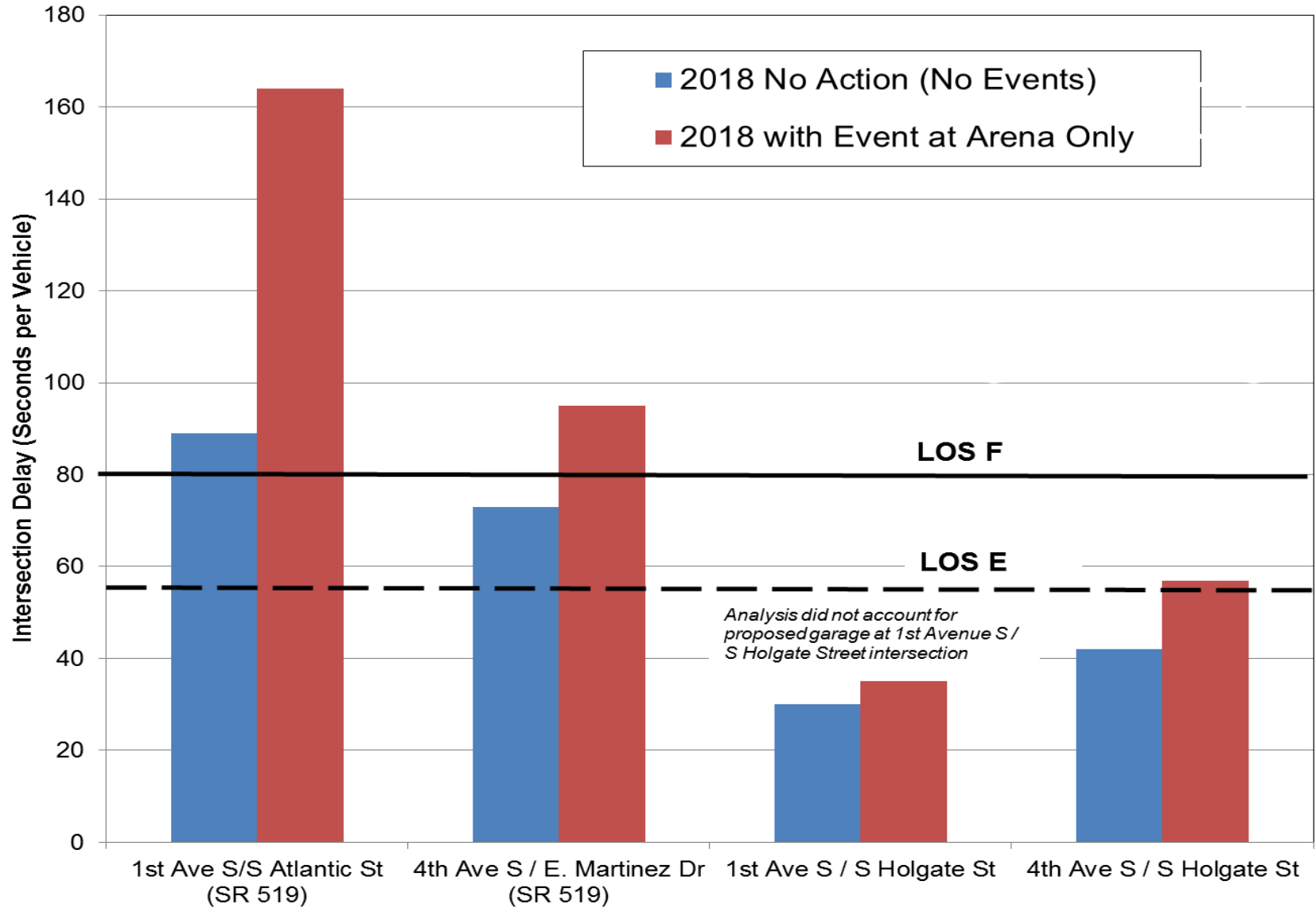
**111** weekday dates with existing stadiums

**193** weekday dates when combined with proposed arena

**49** new dates with double events

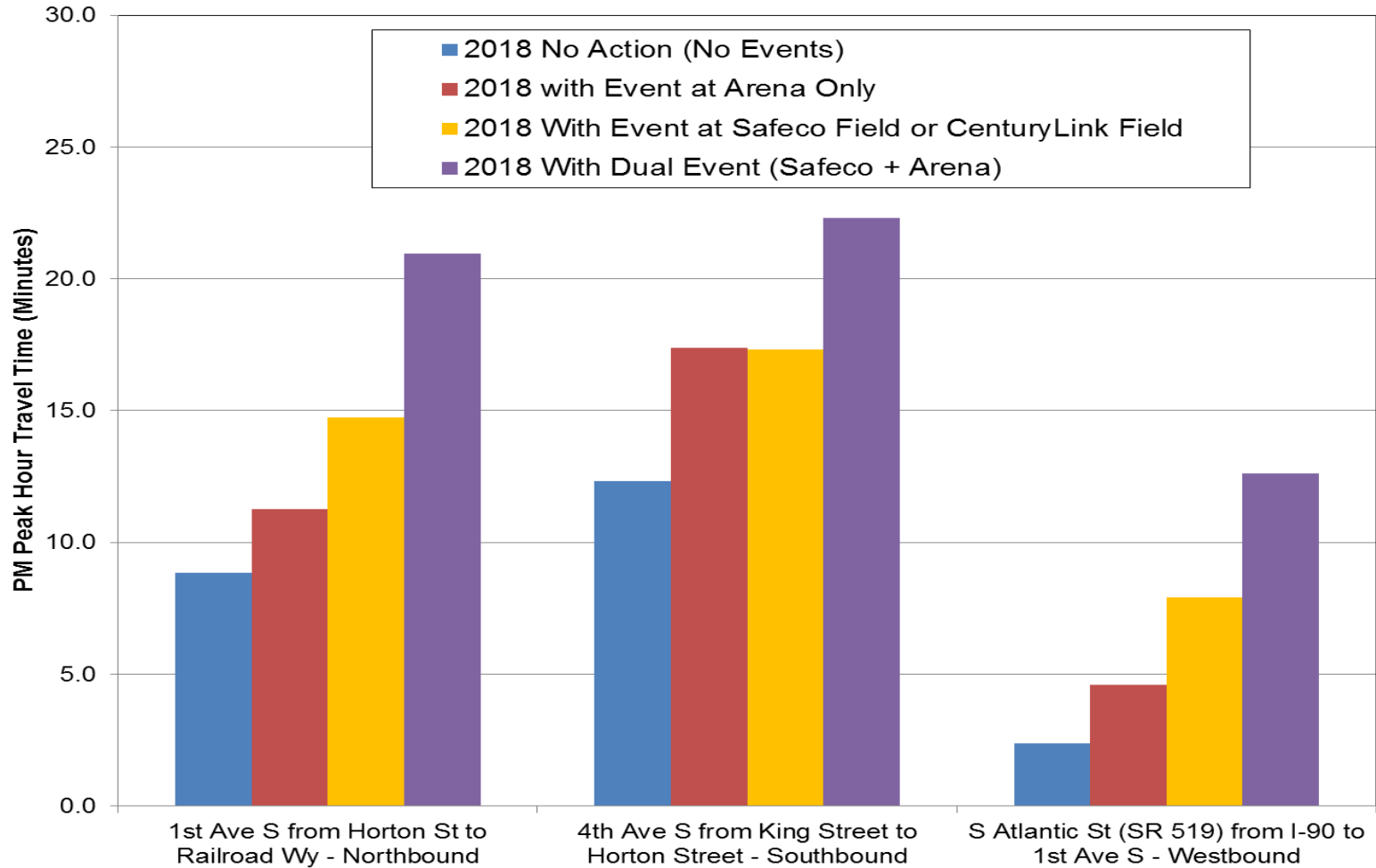
# Findings from Arena Final EIS (Table 3.8-25)

## Intersection Operation with Arena Event Only (S1)

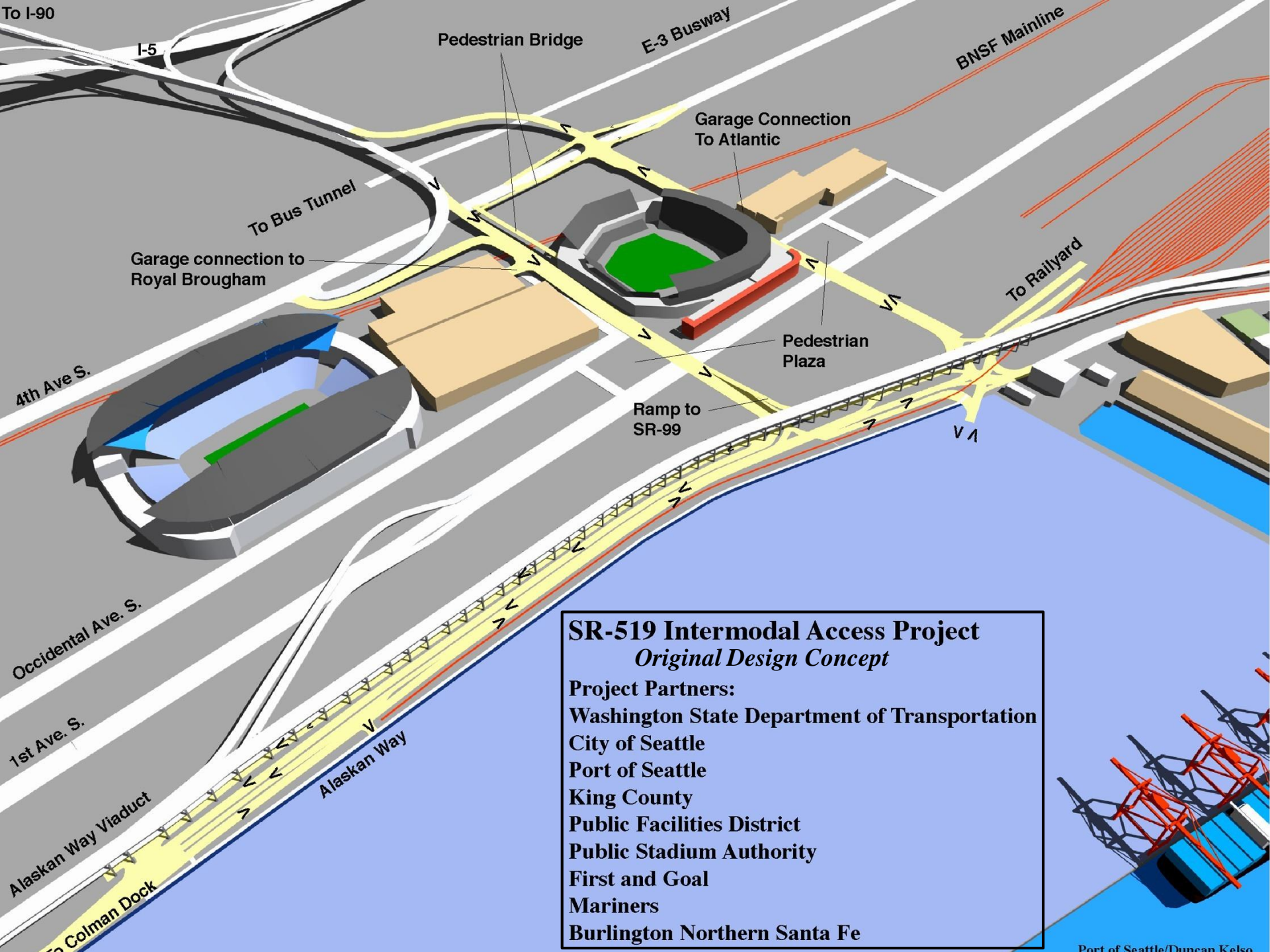


# Findings from Arena Final EIS

## Peak Hour Corridor Travel Times







**SR-519 Intermodal Access Project**  
*Original Design Concept*

**Project Partners:**  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
City of Seattle  
Port of Seattle  
King County  
Public Facilities District  
Public Stadium Authority  
First and Goal  
Mariners  
Burlington Northern Santa Fe