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Why not build a bridge type structure out in the water, that would go high enough so it wouldn't obstruct the shipping in there, the Piers could be at the end of the Pier docks or some place so it wouldn't interfere with the Piers at all. A bridge like structure I don't think would cost as much as what you contemplate doing right now.

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Several concepts were considered that would construct a bridge over Elliott Bay as an alternative to reconstructing the viaduct in its current location. However, these concepts were screened out for several reasons:

- A bridge over Elliott Bay would restrict navigation within Elliott Bay, which would affect both the Port of Seattle's container terminal operations and the Washington State Ferry operations at Colman Dock.
- Obtaining the necessary permits for in-water bridge construction would be extremely difficult.
- The bridge concept has visual quality impacts that are not consistent with the City's existing land use and shoreline plans.