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Hi this is Eldon Davis, I live in Des Moines and I use the 509 freeway from Burien up to North Seattle once a week.

My question is or wonderment is;

I have never seen in any of the articles covering the replacement of the viaduct. What is to be done with 110,000 cars a day that use the viaduct? What roads will we be moved onto, will we be all moved over to I-5, will any surface streets in the middle of Seattle be designated for north south traffic non stop?

So I feel that's been ignored not telling people what's going to happen to those cars which I am one of. Thanks very much. 206.824.2215.

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Once the viaduct replacement project is complete, most of the 110,000 vehicles currently using the viaduct will use the SR 99 replacement and surrounding streets. Please see the Final EIS and Appendix C, Transportation Discipline Report.

During certain construction stages, when SR 99 is closed, trips on the SR 99 corridor will shift to downtown streets and I-5, with most of the shift to local streets. Because of increased traffic on the local highways, some of the trips made today on SR 99 won't be made due to increased traffic congestion.

Strategies such as parking restrictions (to free up travel lanes), improved freeway operations, increased transit service, and programs to get more people out of their cars through transit, carpools, vanpools and telecommuting (among others), will help manage travel demand during the construction stages when SR 99 is closed. Final EIS Appendix C, Transportation Discipline Report, provides a more complete list of the traffic management strategies being considered for implementation during project construction. Through the transportation planning process for construction, the lead agencies will continue to refine these strategies as needed.