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Comment – 4/4/04

Yes my wife and I are strongly in favor of the first alternative on the viaduct that is the rebuilding phase. Which would essentially leave the viaduct in tack at the end. We are in favor of this because of the view aspects. Visitors coming from and going to the airport as well as local residents who don't live downtown and don't have an opportunity to see the beautiful harbor and feel that it is not caused a separation between the Alaskan way area and the rest of the city. So please record us in that regard and please we hope the rebuild process will be the one that is chosen.  
My name is Todd Vast and I live in Ballard.

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the Rebuild Alternative. While rebuilding the viaduct is not prudent, elements of the Rebuild and Aerial Alternatives were incorporated into the Elevated Structure Alternative, which was analyzed in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS and the Final EIS. Because the project has evolved since comments were submitted in 2004, please refer to the Final EIS for current information.

The views of Elliott Bay, Puget Sound, and the Olympic Mountains are prized by many. Views are currently enjoyed by motorists and passengers traveling on the upper deck of the existing viaduct. However, the views for motorists and pedestrians using downtown streets in the vicinity of the waterfront are interrupted by the existing viaduct structure. This structure is considered by some to be a substantial visual intrusion as well as a source of noise and shadow for the Pioneer Square Historic District and the Central Waterfront. Impacts to views are discussed in the Final EIS and considered in detail in Appendix D, Visual Quality Discipline Report.