



Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project

Draft EIS Comment Form

Please use this form to give us comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project. The comments you make will become part of the public record for this project. Your thoughts will help decision makers develop a preferred alternative. Responses to your comments will be provided in the Final EIS.

Contact Information: At a minimum, please provide your name and Zip Code. If you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please fill out the rest of the contact information and check the box below.

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1. Choose a topic:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Impacts and Mitigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All of the Alternatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Bypass Tunnel Alternative | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuild Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Alternative | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Seawall | |

What are your comments about the project?

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Given similar projects in the East.
I suggest re-examining the option of
filling underneath the present piers with
concrete and locating the tunnel under
the broadened shoreline.

(Please use additional paper if you need further comment space)

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Thank you for providing your ideas for tunnel construction. Many years ago, it was common to build projects by filling in large aquatic areas. Many of the waterways in the Duwamish industrial area were created by filling in Elliott Bay and the Duwamish River. Over time this practice has changed because it eliminates important habitat for fish and aquatic species. As a result, it is highly unlikely that the lead agencies would be able to gain approval and necessary permits from several federal, state, and local agencies to construct the tunnel by filling in a large portion of Seattle's shoreline. A large-scale fill would reduce available habitat for fish and other aquatic species, many of which are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act.

In addition, a tunnel built entirely along the Elliott Bay shoreline would eliminate the waterfront businesses located on piers and it would impede commerce and navigation associated with the Port of Seattle and Washington State Ferry system.