

1 okay, but I also have my own opinion.

2 They told us that they were going to move  
3 Casa Latina from where it is now, so I think, and also my  
4 colleagues at Casa Latina think, that this is going to  
5 greatly affect us. So, I come representing several other  
6 colleagues as well, and we want to ask the City that they  
7 help to us find another place that we can find work. So,  
8 we would very much like it to be somewhere close to the  
9 downtown, because most of us don't have any transportation  
10 and we can't go to places that are far away on our own.  
11 So, this way we will be able to continue work and go help  
12 our families.

13 So, there's at least 1,000 to 1,500 new workers that  
14 come every year to Casa Latina to work with Casa Latina.  
15 So, we need this place very much, but also the people who  
16 will come in the future need this place. So, the workers  
17 at Casa Latina are helping the City of Seattle, and helping  
18 to make it a prettier and nicer city. Okay. So we are  
19 helping homeowners improve their homes, and help to save  
20 them money by them using our labor.

21 And to the authorities and administrators that are  
22 managing this project, one more time, please help us. And  
23 we have faith in the authorities that they will help us.

24 DAN BANCHIU: My name is Dan Banchiu,  
25 B-a-n-c-h-i-u. I'm a general manager at the Marriott Hotel

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We understand that members of the public may prefer different ways to share their comments. In order to encourage as much feedback as possible, we provided several options. At the hearings, attendees could submit comments on a written form, on a computer using an electronic form, or verbally to a court reporter. In addition to the meetings, the public could submit comments by mail or e-mail to the program team. The program team often holds open house-format public meetings to provide as much flexibility as possible to the public. With an open house format, hearing participants are able to come and go to the meetings as their schedules allow, making the meetings more convenient for many people.

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1 on Alaskan Way, Seattle Waterfront.

2 First of all, I want to say that I was surprised and  
3 quite disappointed there wasn't a formal hearing on this so  
4 we all can hear each others points of view.

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5 Additionally, I've been looking at some of the  
6 documents, and I didn't think it adequately reflected the  
7 true state of the business and the affect it would have on  
8 those businesses. So, that concerned me quite a bit.

9 Additionally, we just invested \$90-million to  
10 redevelop the waterfront, and I'm here to protect that. We  
11 were led to believe for the last 10 years that the  
12 waterfront was going to be redeveloped, and we joined in on  
13 that whole thing, and now there's some, how do I say, some  
14 renderings, that reflect the Viaduct will now be in front  
15 of the hotel, and that will just strategically affect my  
16 business to the detriment.

17 MIKE HOWSHAR: What I do want in the record is that  
18 I'm a resident of Downtown Seattle, living on Alaskan Way,  
19 so Alaskan Way is my home.

20 First, I object to the format of the hearing. I  
21 thought it would be a public hearing, where we would hear  
22 the comments of other folks, and I request that the State  
23 provide some type of public format where we can all hear  
24 the comments of others hearings or other concerned  
25 individuals.

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The preferred alternative does not propose to construct a temporary viaduct structure along the waterfront (or in front of the Marriott Hotel) as shown in the 2004 Draft EIS Aerial Alternative. Because the project has evolved since comments were submitted in 2004, please refer to this Final EIS for the current information.

Economic impacts are discussed in the Final EIS and Appendix L, Economics Discipline Report, of the Final EIS. Construction activities along the central waterfront would interfere with access to businesses and properties adjacent to the project on either side of the right-of-way. The project team has met numerous times with the businesses and property owners in the project area to discuss construction plans and solicit input on a variety of mitigation strategies. Chapter 8 of the Final EIS discusses mitigation measure in detail. We anticipate coordination with nearby businesses and property owners to continue through the rest of the design and construction process.