

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Project Comments:

I-114-001 The replacement strategy for the existing viaduct should result in no additional surface traffic on Alaskan way. The replacement should be below grade, and should be combined with a new seawall. It would be narrow minded to view the viaduct replacement purely as a transportation project. It would be a huge mistake to ignore the importance of this project to the urban design and quality of life of the most important city in the region. Do not allow traffic engineers and planners to make an above grade solution the preferred alternative based on cost, at the sacrifice of a once in a lifetime opportunity to transform Seattle's waterfront into a vibrant place for visitors and locals of all ages. Seattle's existing waterfront suffers from poor planning and lack of vision. The existing viaduct is an eyesore, a horrible view obstruction, extremely noisy, and hacks the waterfront from a meaningful connection to the City's neighborhoods. Let's provide a replacement below grade, with no net gain in surface traffic, that will accomplish the necessary traffic volume counts, and that will seize on the opportunity transform Seattle into a City with a world class waterfront that can be enjoyed by pedestrians. The project needs to marry the needs of transportation infrastructure with the most intelligent and sensible practices of urban design. The result should include public open spaces along the waterfront, greatly improved pedestrian access along the waterfront, and vastly enhanced connections to the City's neighborhoods. The design solution should encourage new housing, addition of cultural destinations, restored habitat for sea life, promenades, and opportunities for parks that provide direct access to the water. Opportunities to cause such positive change come so rarely. Discover your sense of vision. Shame on planners who should lack the courage, or good common sense, or the conviction to make this happen.

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on an alternative that is below grade and includes the seawall. The lead agencies recognize that public spaces along the waterfront are invaluable amenities and have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative for this project. The City of Seattle is leading the Central Waterfront Project, which will help shape the urban design of the central waterfront area with the preferred alternative.