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Subject: Seattle Chamber supports tunnel ordinance
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Attachments:

Dear Seattle City Councilmember:

C-050-001 The Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce would like to reiterate its support for the Cut and Cover Tunnel to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

The new cost estimates WSDOT released this week only reinforces the need for decisive leadership. The longer we wait the more expensive it's going to get. And as the Governor's expert review panel said, the biggest risk to this project is political indecision. The time is now. We must make a decision on how to move forward with the Viaduct replacement.

We look forward to working with you, WSDOT and SDOT to build the economic case and financing plan for this preferred alternative. Only through rigorous analysis and collaborative planning will we come up with a proposal that meets the test of the public in the year ahead.

We ask that you vote today to support an ordinance that would declare a tunnel the preferred alternative of the City of Seattle.

Sincerely,

Steve Leahy
President and CEO
Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the 2006 Cut-and-Cover Tunnel Alternative. The alignment for the Cut-and-Cover Tunnel Alternative has been refined in the Final EIS. The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative due to its ability to best meet the project's identified purposes and needs and the support it has received from diverse interests. Because the project has evolved since comments were submitted in 2006, please refer to the Final EIS for current information.