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We need a seawall/tunnel combination. If you wait for a disaster to happen first, and then act, it will always cost more, both financially and in terms of lives. We've seen this with Katrina, where proper levee upgrades and replacements were completely ignored and put off, even though lawmakers knew full well that a Cat 3 hurricane would topple them. The 3 billion it would have cost to build new levees turned into 50 billion after the storm, plus a thousand human lives. Learn lessons from others' mistakes. PLEASE. We need a tunnel, a tunnel that is also a seawall. We need it now, before the earthquake, before the tsunami. This is the best solution.

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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.