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I-576-001 Just wondering why a bridge over the bay is not one of the options being considered. Seems to me that a bridge has the potential to add to the architectural value of the skyline, and could be built while the viaduct is still in use. This would certainly minimize any traffic disruption, and could be a new architectural centerpiece for Elliott Bay.

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Several concepts were considered that would construct a bridge over Elliott Bay as an alternative to reconstructing the viaduct in its current location. However, these concepts were screened out for several reasons:

- A bridge over Elliott Bay would restrict navigation within Elliott Bay, which would affect both the Port of Seattle's container terminal operations and the Washington State Ferry operations at Colman Dock.
- Obtaining the necessary permits for in-water bridge construction would be extremely difficult.
- The bridge concept has visual quality impacts that are not consistent with the City's existing land use and shoreline plans.