

Thank you for attending the open house. We are glad that you were able to learn more about the project.

I-634-001

I-634-002

My concerns were: Would it hold in a severe earthquake, would there be enough light in the tunnel, would there be any greening of the lid, safe and easy access to the shoreline, and how about a huge cost overrun. Who pays that? After seeing the drawings, asking questions, and hearing that the designs were not final, I was convinced that the Department staff had really done their homework for the safety and security of the citizens. I still have questions about the cost overrun, who pays, access to the shoreline, and enough greening of the lid.

I-634-003

With the Council being briefed in depth on both plans, much more information than an ordinary voter has, I think they are in the best position to make a good decision. To be realistic, I know that many voters have made up their mind against the tunnel from their own bias, from lack of information that is harder to find.

I-634-004

My concerns relating to both the viaduct and the tunnel were and are:

- Cost and fiscal responsibility for cost overruns
- Safety, - The Open House assured me that both are safe.
- Green space and access for all to the waterfront
- Time (when and how long to build)
- Planning for alternatives for those of us who live in West Seattle to go north and south during the construction time., utilizing the water taxi, surface transportation, especially buses
- Information on the Coordination of the State, City, Region, Federal government in solving the transportation clog in the downtown area of #99 (the Alaska Viaduct) Coordination between Sound Transit, Regional Planning, Metro (including water, buses, park and rides that are convenient)

I-634-005

- Note: I support the surface alternative, but (as I understand, only the tunnel or viaduct are possible from a mandate set by the State for any State and Federal funding, - with the deadline for decision by the end of the fiscal year). If no decision, then the legislature will decide or put it on the ballot for all State voters to decide. - with voters not having the info - from information that the decision has on the State has.

* However, I understand the Council will make some decision tomorrow (Monday, the 8th), so these comments may be too late. If not, hope they are helpful. - Alameda top

I-634-002

The 2006 Cut-and-Cover Tunnel Alternative was designed to withstand what is termed a "Rare Earthquake," that is, an earthquake that would only be expected to occur once every 2,500 years. The tunnel alternatives currently being considered are being designed with current safety standards for lighting.

The tunnel lid would likely be landscaped and would provide pedestrian connections to the central waterfront from the Pike Place Market. Public access to the shoreline would be provided at those access points currently available along the waterfront.

I-634-003

The City of Seattle conducted a vote in March 2007. In addition to the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS, which was available to the public, information was also presented on the project's website and in numerous newspaper articles.

I-634-004

Please see the response to I-634-002 above regarding cost overruns. If the Bored Tunnel Alternative is selected, the final configuration of Alaskan Way will be determined by the Central Waterfront Project being led by the City of Seattle. The new space could become a wide waterfront promenade with bike and pedestrian paths.

Please see Chapter 8 in the Final EIS for mitigation measures proposed to address construction traffic effects and for a brief discussion in Chapter 1 of other projects in the area that complement the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement project.

I-634-005

FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your

comments on a Surface Alternative. You are correct that the Surface Alternative is no longer being considered.