

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Project Comments:

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I use the Viaduct on a regular basis, but as an architect and visionary, I feel that it would be a great step in city development to remove the eye sore and noise of the viaduct from our water front. The viaduct is ugly, noisy, and physically and psychologically separates the downtown from the waterfront. The separation is an historical outcome of the days when the waterfront was an industrial zone, but with the current use of the waterfront as a tourist attraction (which could be better) and a Seattle public amenity, the industrial components need to be removed / concealed. For these reasons, I support the removal of the viaduct and support the tunnel solution. The tunnel would completely eliminate the structural and noise impact of traffic and since subsurface work is required in the area due to replacement of the seawall, it only makes sense to build both at the same time. The tunnel solution would also create developable land on the surface both for a smoother more pedestrian based circulation corridor as well as more retailing opportunities that our waterfront definitely needs to encourage tourist growth.

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the 2004 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 2004, please refer to the Final EIS for current information.