

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Project Comments:

I really appreciate your efforts to solicit public input on this big project. I support the idea of the new SR 99 being in a tunnel but rather than a cut and cover mess that will shut down the whole area for years, I'm thinking that putting the six lanes of traffic in a sea bed tube/chunnel would have far less impact on the area. I know that this is not one of the alternatives identified so far but i'm wondering if anyone has thought of doing this? They have an under the bay tunnel in Boston.... thanks for all your hard work!

Comments apply to:
Overall Project

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Thank you for your suggestions. Many options were looked at during the initial phases of the AWV project's screening process. The screening process involved early analysis by the project team and discussions with community groups at more than 140 community meetings and community interviews, including businesses along the corridor. A total of 76 initial viaduct replacement concepts were considered, and concepts that were not feasible, or were outside the purpose of the project were dropped from further consideration. The most workable ideas were shaped into the alternatives analyzed in the 2004 Draft EIS, 2006 and 2010 Supplemental Draft EISs, and Final EIS. These alternatives analyzed include a range of viaduct repair and replacement designs with some elements of earlier concepts combined with other design structures as the engineering team looked at feasibility, cost and other criteria.

The concept of a tunnel in Elliott Bay was not carried forward in part because it could affect shipping and navigation, including Washington State Ferries, and because of the potential effects to endangered species and fish habitat.