

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Yes

Project Comments:

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I support the Rebuild Alternative over the other alternatives, for the following reasons:

(1) Maintaining the viaduct's traffic capacity with as little interruption as possible is crucial for West Seattle residents. When it is shut down for even short periods of time, traffic to and from West Seattle becomes gridlocked and unbearable. If it were torn down (or rendered unusable by an earthquake) before a fully-operational replacement were finished, it would wreak havoc on all West Seattle residents (and those who, e.g., work in West Seattle and reside elsewhere) for literally years. Businesses would suffer; property values would suffer; commuters would suffer. The entire city would suffer as a consequence. Shipping traffic would also be severely impacted, since many container ships dock on the west side of the Duwamish.

(2) The viaduct is one of the most -- if not the most -- scenic routes in the city. It is a mainstay for residents who want to show our city to visitors. It has been used repeatedly in commercials and movies due to its scenic features. It gives people a great overall view of both the waterfront and the skyscrapers. It is a landmark feature of our cityscape. I always enjoy driving on it because of the views it affords. I disagree strongly with those who call it an eyesore, or want to develop the land underneath it. The land underneath it functions as valuable (scarce), affordable parking for waterfront and downtown uses.

(3) The Rebuild Alternative would create the fewest construction impacts and require the least mitigation.

(4) The Rebuild Alternative would end up costing far less than any of the other alternatives, which is a very important factor to consider in this age of declining availability of funds for such projects.

(5) Rebuilding the viaduct could start (and be completed) far sooner than the other alternatives could be, which is a big plus.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please choose the Rebuild Alternative.

Comments apply to:

All of the Alternatives

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the Rebuild Alternative. After studying several retrofitting concepts, the lead agencies found that rebuilding the viaduct would not be a cost-effective, long-term solution that adequately addresses the risks to public safety and the weakened state of the viaduct. Elements of the Rebuild and Aerial Alternatives were incorporated into the Elevated Structure Alternative, which was analyzed in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS and the Final EIS. Because the project has evolved since comments were submitted in 2004, please refer to the Final EIS for current information.