

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Yes

Project Comments:

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Thousands of commuters as well as tourists can enjoy great views of our area from the current viaduct as I did over 25 years of commuting to Boeing plants. I see no reason why they should be denied that view just so a relatively small number of property owners can capitalize on their properties if the viaduct is removed. I also doubt that the number of citizens who might use the "improved" waterfront would number more than those commuters. Since the cost of tunneling adds \$2 billion or so to costs I propose that, if the tunneling goes ahead, such added costs should be added to the benefitting property owners taxes, not the general public. I see no reason why we should put up with twice the cost and twice the construction disruption time just so we can ride like moles. When the viaduct was first operated in competition with the I-5 freeway we could tell that the commuters were trying out their alternatives. Some days the freeway was crowded and other days it was not. The same was true of the viaduct. Eventually people settled upon the best choices for themselves and traffic improved on both routes. My point is that without a viaduct for 11 years while installing the tunneled version, traffic would be disastrous. Finally, I have found the current waterfront very enjoyable. I do not need the city to be more "connected" to the water.

Comments apply to:
Tunnel Alternative
Bypass Tunnel Alternative
Surface Alternative

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments. The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative. Please see Chapter 3 in the Final EIS for a description of the current configuration for each alternative in the project area.

The tax structure that the City of Seattle chooses to implement is not the purview of WSDOT or any of its projects. We encourage you to contact your City Council to discuss these types of issues related to property taxes.

Additional construction plans, which take less than 11 years, were presented in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS.

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