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Dear Ms Ray,

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I reviewed the plans outlined in the morning Times. I personally feel that a tunnel will not only end up costing a great deal more, but be open to very serious problems in the event of an earthquake, and will cause numerous problems every single day, due to accidents. It will be more difficult for emergency personnel to reach and more expensive to build. I rather like the idea of widening Alaskan Way and making the Viaduct at street level, but I also know that parking will be lost and must be not only replaced but increased, perhaps by multi-level parking garages, low enough to protect the views, let them go underground!

( I have no sympathy whatsoever for those people who purchased property for the views. They knew the Viaduct was there and to serve the whims of a few pampered individuals at the tax payers expense is ridiculous, to say the very least.)

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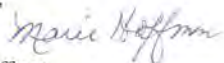
THE ONE THING I REALLY WANT TO STRESS IS;

PLEASE, PLEASE, AFTER OVER TWENTY YEARS OF PLANS AND WASTING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON IDEAS, JUST DO IT !!!!!FOR CRYING OUT LOUD.

The cost to replace/repair is only going to increase the longer we delay. Seattle would be hard pressed to exist without our beloved Viaduct—the idiots who planned I-5 thru downtown Seattle must have been drunk as well as dumb. Funneling five lanes of I-5, and four lanes of I-90 into one lane! I can only hope and pray that the new Viaduct will have someone with common sense to plan on our ever increasing traffic flows.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my ideas and gripes.

Sincerely,



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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the Surface Alternative. This alternative is no longer being considered. Please refer to the Final EIS for information regarding the current alternatives. Your comments regarding cost, safety, and parking are also noted.

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The project is planning to begin construction in the Fall of 2011. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will issue a ROD no earlier than 30 days after this Final EIS is published. Construction will begin once the ROD is issued and required permits are obtained.