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From: Patricia Huling [mailto:patriciahuling@yahoo.com]  
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To: viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov  
Subject: Viaduct--support for bypass tunnel

**I-268-001** | I am writing to express support for the BYPASS TUNNEL alternative to replace the viaduct.

My husband and I own a loft condominium in Pioneer Square. Although (a) I personally do not dislike the viaduct (minority voice), and I love the view on the rare occasions I'm on it, and (b) I dislike the idea of living with years of digging, I nevertheless believe the bypass tunnel is the best solution.

**I-268-002** | Opening up the waterfront is critical in Seattle's modern development. Gone are the days when citizens thought of the waterfront as an industrial-commercial venue. People love to come down to the waterfront to stroll, eat, enjoy the view; in fact, one reason we moved here is that we were spending all of our time down here anyway!

**I-268-003** | The noise of the viaduct has become more of a problem just lately--I wonder why. Luckily the noise isn't the problem for us in our condominium that it is for others, but last Monday, when it was so hot, we walked over for fish and chips and weirdly couldn't hear ourselves talking to each other, especially on the pathway beside the viaduct. So it looks like it really is time for it to go.

**I-268-004** | Absolutely unacceptable for everyone--commuters, tourists, and residents alike--would be six lanes of surface traffic along the waterfront. The idea is ludicrous--slow traffic, noise, exhaust fumes, difficult access to what would be left of the waterfront.

**I-268-005** | I also dislike the idea of a full-scale tunnel, with its "big dig" reality.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this hugely important decision.

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## **I-268-001**

FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments and recognize your preference for the Bypass Tunnel Alternative. 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.

The project has evolved since the publication of the Draft EIS in 2004. Please refer to the Final EIS for current project information.

## **I-268-002**

The exact configuration and types of activities provided on the waterfront will be determined by the Central Waterfront Project led by the City of Seattle. There will be opportunities for the public to participate in the master planning effort and to determine the future of their waterfront.

## **I-268-003**

Comment noted. The existing conditions, construction, and operation noise analyses presented in Appendix F, Noise Discipline Report, of the Final EIS may be of interest to you.

## **I-268-004**

Your concerns regarding the Surface Alternative are noted. This alternative is no longer being considered.

## **I-268-005**

Your concerns regarding the construction of a tunnel alternative are noted. The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative. The Final EIS contains a summary of the construction techniques, sequencing, and schedule for the build alternatives. Also, please see Appendix B, Alternatives Description and

Construction Methods Discipline Report, for more detailed construction information.