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To the DOT:

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My suggestion is to take the viaduct out and replace it with a tunnel below sea-level.

My vision for the future of the Alaskan Way viaduct is integrated with my vision of the potential that the Seattle waterfront has as a civic institution. With the necessary removal of the Alaskan way viaduct, I think the city has a genuine opportunity to improve the quality of the waterfront by increasing the natural light along the waterfront as well as reduce noise pollution. Ultimately the vision for the waterfront would be a park type atmosphere that had businesses and shops along it.

I'd love to see the seawall removed to help improve the natural conditions for the sea-life in Puget Sound, as well as improve the quality of the feel of the waterfront. This would probably require the construction of a graded (sloped) seawall that isn't quite natural either; however it would drastically improve the habitat of marine invertebrates.

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the 2004 Cut-and-Cover Tunnel Alternative. The alignment for the Cut-and-Cover Tunnel Alternative has been refined in the Final EIS. 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. Because the project has evolved since comments were submitted in 2004, please refer to the Final EIS for current information.