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Subject: My Comments

I-300-001

I can remember when the viaduct was built and I have used it ever since. I currently reside in Ballard and it is the best way for the folks living in the Northwest part of the city to go south including the airport. We all have known for many years that the original design did not include earthquake. For at least the last 10 years the fix has not been for safety or for moving traffic through the city, it has been strictly political. A former mayor had property on the waterfront that would be affected by the fate of the viaduct. The concern has been everything but doing the fix quickly, before a lot of people are killed if it fell down. The pictures of a similar structure in Oakland was very unsettling.

I-300-002

It's time to fix it now. If money is a problem, why can't Senator Murray get us some federal money? The best fix is to replace it with an earthquake safe 6 lane elevated structure.

Remember, almost all of the people that use the viaduct are city and King County voters. Mayor Nickels and Ron Sims are going to have a lot of explaining if the thing collapses and the fix delay was their politics.

Thanks, Ed Kloth

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The lead agencies agree there is an urgent need to make the facility safe for public use. Federal funding is a substantial part of the total funding package.

I-300-002

FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the Aerial Alternative. Elements of the Rebuild and Aerial Alternatives were incorporated into the Elevated Structure Alternative to meet today's safety standards while minimizing the effects of a wider structure. This alternative was analyzed in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS, and the design was refined in the Final EIS. Because the project has evolved since comments were submitted in 2004, please refer to the Final EIS for current information.