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Project Comments:

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The tunnel alternative is the option which has something for everyone. This alternative recognizes the importance of SR-99 as an important alternative North-South major transportation corridor for moving people and freight to areas north and south of Seattle. At the same time, this alternative also recognizes the importance some people in the community place on improving the waterfront environment in downtown Seattle, with the removal of a major industrial element across the waterfront. While some might say that the tunnel option costs too much, it is important to recognize that none of the options presented are cheap, and the benefits of spending the incremental amount to improve aesthetics at the same time as solving the mobility problem will provide many benefits in livability and attractiveness which are not characterized fully in the EIS. Seattle has a track record of underengineering major civic projects in the city, from the four lane Evergreen Point Bridge built with no shoulders to the Kingdome, which had a lifespan of less than 25 years. It is time to break this trend and build infrastructure that can be depended on for many generations. Paying for the tunnel option now is a good investment for everyone living here, new and old.

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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.