

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Project Comments:

I-329-001

After thorough review of all alternatives, I strongly support the "tunnel" concept. This is a critical time in our city's history. It would be extremely short-sighted to simply build another elevated freeway. Yes, the tunnel may be more expensive in the short-run, but future dividends will come in the way of increased tourism, higher property values and a better quality of life for all the residents of this region. If the viaduct is taken down and the tunnel built as its replacement, housing development and business development will surely follow. Our greatest asset is the central waterfront, yet it is not used nearly as much as it would be if there were more open spaces and views available to all. Many other cities also made serious mistakes in the past by constructing major transportation networks along their waterfront. Two (2) of these cities have had the chance to do something about it - San Francisco (not by choice) and Boston. Both cities have benefited greatly by the removal of elevated freeways along their waterfront. Boston's "Big Dig" was controversial, but now that it is nearing completion, it is widely applauded. The "Big Dig" has re-made that City's waterfront, and with it made it one of the finest cities in the world. The revival along San Francisco's waterfront is truly remarkable. It is now an area that both tourists and residents gather at. Seattle has one chance to do the same. The Waterfront should be a place for the public to gather and enjoy one of the greatest settings in this County. This is not possible with an elevated freeway roaring overhead. It would truly be inconceivable for a City that prides itself on its parks and outdoor spaces to miss out on this opportunity by simply constructing a new elevated structure. Lastly, I suggest that the new tunnel be a "toll road" to help offset the extra cost incurred by constructing this more expensive alternative.

I-329-002

Comments apply to:
 Tunnel Alternative

I-329-001

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.

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Tolling is being considered in the Final EIS. Please refer to the Final EIS and its appendices for further information.