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Project Comments:

I-332-001

The Tunnel Alternative would NEVER be built IF it had to be fully paid for by LOCAL TAXPAYERS. In such event the focus would be on finding methods to repair and maintain the Alaska Way Viaduct. Is this not true? "Free money" results in flawed decisions detrimental to all American citizens. This project fits that mold PERFECTLY. We need to focus on the repairing and maintaining the Viaduct as it now exists. It has served the community well for 540+ years, and it can (IF PROPERLY MAINTAINED) serve another 50 years.

I-332-002

Comments apply to:  
Tunnel Alternative

### I-332-001

Like all large infrastructure projects, transportation facilities benefit a much wider population of users than just local residents. Funding for this project comes from a variety of federal, state, and local sources.

### I-332-002

The lead agencies recognize that retrofitting highways, roadways, and bridges is often a viable option to counter earthquake threats. However, unlike other bridges and structures in the area, it isn't practical to retrofit the viaduct by only strengthening one or two structural elements. Fundamentally, such fixes transfer the forces from one weak point in the structure to another, and the viaduct is weak in too many places. The concrete frames, columns, foundations, and even the soil under the structure don't provide enough strength by today's standards. The lead agencies have studied various retrofitting concepts, and all of these concepts fail to provide a cost-effective, long-term solution that adequately addresses the risks to public safety and the weakened state of the viaduct. The lead agencies also determined that retrofitting 20 percent of the viaduct as discussed for the Rebuild Alternative is not reasonable.