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My recommendation is to forget about replacing the viaduct in the immediate future. It will become a political football with the city wanting to go underground and the State not wanting to spend what that would cost. It will go on for years spending lots of money on studies like the 3rd Lake Bridge, Third runway at SeaTac and the Monorail.

Although there is potential for major damage to the viaduct during a severe earthquake so is there to other structures in Seattle. The Alaska Way viaduct has better details than the one in Oakland, that failed, which should make it hold together better. Life is a gamble.

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate your comment. This project plans to replace the viaduct because it is at risk of failure from earthquakes (with unacceptable risk to lives as well as property) and irreversible loss of use from age and deterioration.

The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative. Please see the Final EIS for current information about the project.