

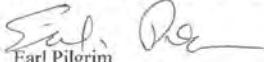
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Re the Alaskan Way Viaduct

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I lived in the Seattle area for the first 60 years of my life , and am sure became immune to its beauty . I don't get back very often , but when I do I always drive the Alaskan viaduct . I defy anyone to find a more beautiful sight . The big buildings , the port , the mountains , and Puget Sound are awesome to behold , and unique to Seattle . Millions of people observe this beauty , and am sure include it in their visiting itinerary . Exchanging the viaduct for a tunnel will make Seattle less desirable for tourists , and for those Seattle citizens that really appreciate the beauty the city offers . For those living along the viaduct suffering the noise , and lack of view sorry it was there first .


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The views of Elliott Bay, Puget Sound, and the Olympic Mountains are prized by many. Views are currently enjoyed by motorists and passengers traveling on the upper deck of the existing viaduct. However, the views for motorists and pedestrians using downtown streets in the vicinity of the waterfront are interrupted by the existing viaduct structure. This structure is considered by some to be a substantial visual intrusion as well as a source of noise and shadow for the Pioneer Square Historic District and the Central Waterfront. Impacts to views are discussed in the Final EIS and considered in detail in Appendix D, Visual Quality Discipline Report.