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Would like to be added to the project mailing list?

Yes

Project Comments:

I-416-001 I want to see us keep the viaduct as either the REBUILD or the AERIAL with the objective of protecting the views thousands of us have come to value. The views are integral to the enjoyment of living in this great city. I drive out of town guests along the viaduct to show them how the city is laid out and the views of the Olympics Sound and downtown going north and the Sound waterfront and Duwamish port activities going south. It is a great introduction. It is unique in the world. Seattle has not been good about protecting its views. The viaduct allows people at ground level to look under it and people in tall buildings to look over it. Primarily, though, I'm interested in protecting the views for all of us who drive it. I also want to suggest that you not add any more on or off ramps to the new structure than positively necessary because that would slow traffic down, and as it is now we can travel very smoothly on the viaduct. It has been an excellent means for commuting. I ! would like it to stay a viaduct above ground and rebuilt in sections that would disrupt traffic the least.

Comments apply to:
Overall Project

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the Rebuild Alternative. Elements of the Rebuild and Aerial Alternatives have been combined to form the Elevated Structure Alternative, which was analyzed in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS and the Final EIS.

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.