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City, county, state government:

I-419-001 | The cut-and-cover tunnel alternative is the best option

I-419-002 | There should be no net increase in roadway to Alaskan Way
Any additional traffic on the surface should be dispersed among all avenues
running through the downtown corridor

I-419-003 | The lid over SR 99 should extend from Pike to Battery

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I-419-001

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.

I-419-002

Your preference for no net increase in roadway to Alaskan Way has been noted.

I-419-003

A lid was incorporated into the design of the 2006 Cut-and-Cover Tunnel Alternative and evaluated in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS. It was included in the project, due in part to numerous 2004 Draft EIS public comments requesting the lead agencies to consider a lid in the Pike Place/Belltown area. The proposed lid would extend north from where SR 99 emerges from the tunnel's north portal near Pine Street to Victor Steinbrueck Park near Virginia Street. The design for this lid structure with the current Cut-and-Cover Alternative is described in this Final EIS and in Appendix B, Alternatives Description and Construction Methods Discipline Report.