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It's important to keep in mind the long range costs of replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct. If people spend the next fifty years regretting a new barrier between the city and its waterfront, then patching up or resurrecting the present structure will not look like a bargain. A tunnel may be expensive now, but it will increase property values and it is the only solution that improves the city's liveability. We didn't build rapid transit in the '60s because it was too expensive. We did build a Kingdom because it was cheap. This time, let's do it right.

Sincerely,
Jerry Richard

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments regarding costs and 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.