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Thanks for the chance to comment on the plans being considered to replace the viaduct. I am definitely in favor of the plan to build the six lane tunnel. I assume this will include rebuilding the sea-wall as well. I live in West Seattle and use the viaduct all the time, so that the 7 to 9 years to build the tunnel will have an impact no doubt, but it has to be done. The project will give West Seattle folks a reason to ride the new monorail system and add significantly to the ridership of that project. I say it is time to make a decision and get on with it. Delay will only add to the costs. Another benefit of the tunnel project is that it will open up the space between downtown and the waterfront. We may get some needed greenspace yet!!

Again, thanks for the chance to comment.

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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.