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**To:** viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov

**Subject:** COMMENTS

Dear WSDOT,

My wife and I attended the early neighborhood meetings on this project 2-3 years ago. We will have to miss them this time around and wanted to register our opinion.

We feel strongly the full tunnel option. It may be the most expensive but it offers so many advantages :

- Re-opening the downtown to the waterfront
- Removing a noisy eyesore (the current viaduct)
- Allows full, efficient replacement of the seawall.

We were frankly shocked that many people advocated rebuilding the viaduct, simply so they could enjoy the view on their commute. What nonsense... First of all, they should be driving; if they want to enjoy the view, they *should get out of their cars!* But mostly this ignores what we feel is an historic opportunity to re-think this city's relationship with the water.

Good luck with this difficult and time-consuming process.

Sincerely,

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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.