



# Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project

## Draft EIS Comment Form

Please use this form to give us comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project. The comments you make will become part of the public record for this project. Your thoughts will help decision makers develop a preferred alternative. Responses to your comments will be provided in the Final EIS.

**Contact Information:** At a minimum, please provide your name and Zip Code. If you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please fill out the rest of the contact information and check the box below.

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☐ Check here if you would like to be added to the project mailing list. *already on it, thank you.*

### 1. Choose a topic:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Project         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel Alternative        | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Impacts and Mitigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All of the Alternatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Bypass Tunnel Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuild Alternative     | <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Alternative       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Alternative      | <input type="checkbox"/> Seawall                   |  |

What are your comments about the project?

(Please see "attached")

(Please use additional paper if you need further comment space)

Mike Schuh

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SR99/Seawall project comments  
April 29, 2004

I-457-001

① I strongly favor the "tunnel" (6 lanes) option - it'll be underground (which reduces noise and opens up views) and provides good (albeit shy of "ideal") connections to the north. Yes, this option is expensive, but let's spend the money and do it right. Twenty years from now, what will we wish we had done?

I-457-002

② Don't fill in Broad Street. Instead, convert it to a cut 'n cover tunnel extending past at least Third Avenue. This will allow for smoother traffic flow and the opportunity to create a softer transition from Belltown to the Seattle Center. Likewise, bury Mercer Street from Aurora to at least past Queen Anne Avenue (for both tunnels, provide a limited number of connections to surface streets). The area bounded by Thomas/Fifth/Mercer/Aurora can be redeveloped as a whole. Taylor Avenue could (should) be extended south of Mercer (which would pass beneath) and then connect to Fifth Avenue via an "S" curve.

I-457-003

③ Funding Referendum 51 failed in part due to its high price tag. For such ballot issues,

#### I-457-001

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-457-002

We appreciate your comments regarding rerouting streets north of the Battery Street Tunnel to enhance traffic flow and connectivity. In the Final EIS, improvements north of the Battery Street Tunnel are proposed for each build alternative. These improvements would greatly enhance connections between the South Lake Union neighborhood and the lower Queen Anne neighborhood. Please see the Final EIS for the current configuration of each build alternative in this area.

#### I-457-003

Thank you for your creative suggestion. This type of approach to funding would require legislative action before it could be implemented. Please note that the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project is funded.

Mike Schuh

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I-457-003

it's always a guess as to what price point to submit - too high, and it fails; too low, and (if it passes...) it won't provide enough money to do much.

How about this: For the dollar amount, present a single ballot question with several amounts (\$0, \$1 Billion, \$2 Billion...). Each voter selects one amount. After the election, tally the votes starting from the highest amount working downward. The dollar amount that provides the votes to create a majority is the amount authorized. Example

\$	votes (%)	
5	5	} 45% } 80%
4	15	
3	25	
2	35	
1	15	
0	5	\$2 Billion is authorized.

Advantage: the voters choose the amount, and most likely some amount is authorized (as opposed to zip from Referendum 5).

A similar process could be used to select which projects to build with the authorized funds.

- Mike Schuh

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