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Yes

Project Comments:

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I am in favor of only the rebuild or aerial alternatives because the price is less than a tunnel and they both preserve the views that should remain free for all. Despite protestations to the contrary, if the tunnel alternative is chosen, there may indeed be a park built, but it will be backed by private property-condos-as evidenced by how many of those ugly things have already been built. The view belongs to everyone and must not be privatized. The view from a park at ground level would not replace what we currently have & would be a huge loss to all, except the prospective condo dwellers. The argument that the viaduct cuts the city off from the waterfront is not convincing to me. One can easily walk over (at the elevated walk to the ferry dock) or beneath the viaduct. Only those whose views include the viaduct could possibly benefit by its removal. Comparing their small numbers with the many who would be deprived of the quintessential Seattle view provided by driving on the viaduct reveals that the majority should be able to continue to enjoy the views the viaduct provides. Parkland could replace the parking areas under the viaduct if parkland is the issue, but then where would users of the waterfront businesses and recreation park?? I believe the park issue is an imaginative & fantastic red herring. The pressure to "redevelop" the waterfront with condos would be overwhelming; the county's appetite for property taxes is very well known. I support only the rebuild or aerial alternatives as the only choices that preserve the views for all Seattleites.

Comments apply to:  
Overall Project  
Rebuild Alternative  
Aerial Alternative

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the Rebuild and Aerial Alternatives. Elements of the Rebuild and Aerial Alternatives have been combined to form the Elevated Structure Alternative, which was analyzed in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS and the Final EIS.

The views of Elliott Bay, Puget Sound, and the Olympic Mountains are prized by many. Views are currently enjoyed by motorists and passengers traveling on the upper deck of the existing viaduct. However, the views for motorists and pedestrians using downtown streets in the vicinity of the waterfront are interrupted by the existing viaduct structure. This structure is considered by some to be a substantial visual intrusion as well as a source of noise and shadow for the Pioneer Square Historic District and the Central Waterfront. Impacts to views are discussed in the Final EIS and considered in detail in Appendix D, Visual Quality Discipline Report.