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Subject: Viaduct Replacement Comments

In the big picture, the difference in cost between rebuilding the viaduct, putting it at street level or putting it in a tunnel is not all that great.

In the big picture, the benefits to putting it in a tunnel are enormous:

- moves through traffic through
- keeps local traffic local
- dramatically reduces noise and pollution
- opens up the waterfront to downtown views and viewing
- opens up the waterfront facing properties to development
- opens up the waterfront to tourism and general enjoyment

It's clear: for our 50 year future, it's worth it to put the viaduct in a tunnel.

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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.