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Project Comments:

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I favor the rebuild alternative over all the other options presented in the Draft EIS. The existing viaduct is an efficient transportation artery and minimally intrusive compared to most of the other alternatives. Advocates of the tunnel option depict the viaduct as a hulking monster squatting on what would otherwise be pristine waterfront. In fact, most of the area is working waterfront, given over to industrial use. Tearing down the viaduct would open up a few blocks for the development of parks and other amenities, for the enjoyment of a few thousand residents and tourists; but it would also deprive hundreds of thousands of drivers and passengers of some of the best views in the city.

Comments apply to:

Overall Project

Rebuild Alternative

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments on the Rebuild Alternative. 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.