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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments and recognize your preference for preserving and enlarging the existing viaduct, and creating an aerial covered park on a new upper deck. The alternatives presented in the 2004 Draft EIS, 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS, 2010 Supplemental Draft EIS, and Final EIS represent a reasonable range of approaches that can meet the purpose and need for the project. Many options were looked at during the initial phases of the AWV project's screening process. The screening process involved early analysis by the project team and discussions with community groups at more than 140 community meetings and community interviews, including businesses along the corridor. A total of 76 initial viaduct replacement concepts were considered, and concepts that were not feasible, or were outside the purpose of the project were dropped from further consideration. The most workable ideas were shaped into the alternatives analyzed in the 2004 Draft EIS. Further screening and analyses were conducted for the two Supplemental Draft EISs and the Final EIS.