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Now that the alternatives for replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct have been better researched and defined, it seems obvious to me that the Tunnel alternative makes the most sense. It may be the most expensive alternative, but not by that much. More important, the impacts going forward are so much less than the other alternatives, and it will open up more surface space and views. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to reconnect the waterfront with the rest of Seattle. It would be a shame to blow this opportunity. I urge adoption of the Tunnel alternative.

Sincerely,

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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.