



Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project

Draft EIS Comment Form

Please use this form to give us comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project. The comments you make will become part of the public record for this project. Your thoughts will help decision makers develop a preferred alternative. Responses to your comments will be provided in the Final EIS.

Contact Information: At a minimum, please provide your name and Zip Code. If you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please fill out the rest of the contact information and check the box below.

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1. Choose a topic:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Impacts and Mitigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All of the Alternatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Bypass Tunnel Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuild Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Alternative | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Seawall | |

What are your comments about the project?

WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE VIADUCT DISMANTLED
AND TRAFFIC ROUTED TO ~~THE~~ I-5. BUS TRAFFIC
TO DOWNTOWN SHOULD BE USING THE BUS LANES
PARALLELING 4th AVE. ALASKAN WAY SHOULD NOT CARRY
MORE TRAFFIC, BUT MADE INTO A WIDE BOULEVARD
WITH WIDE PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY ACCESS AND MANY
CROSSING POINTS TO ACCESS WATERFRONT AND STREETCAR
 (Please use additional paper if you need further comment space) and FERRY TERMINAL.

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Many people asked the lead agencies to consider an alternative that would remove the viaduct and replace it with a four-lane surface roadway along Alaskan Way and include transit improvements. Without a host of improvements and modifications, a four-lane Alaskan Way would create even more congestion on I-5 and downtown streets than the alternatives evaluated in the Draft and Supplemental Draft EISs. Transportation studies performed for this project indicate that replacing the viaduct with a four-lane surface street would substantially increase congestion for most of the day and part of the evening on I-5 through downtown Seattle, downtown streets, and Alaskan Way. On downtown streets, traffic would increase by 30 percent; though traffic increases to specific areas like Pioneer Square and the waterfront could exceed 30 percent. With a four-lane roadway, traffic on Alaskan Way would quadruple to 35,000 to 56,000 vehicles per day compared to about 10,000 vehicles today. This traffic increase would make Alaskan Way the busiest street downtown, carrying more traffic than Mercer Street does today. The increased traffic congestion would also make travel times worse for buses, making transit improvements along these streets largely ineffective. Finally, neighborhoods west of I-5 (Ballard, Queen Anne, Magnolia, and West Seattle) would be less accessible and would face longer commute times.

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