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

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MR. EDWARDS: My comment is: Many West Seattleites love driving on the viaduct. Its days are numbered, and it must be dealt with. I'll get to the point. This project, the deep bored tunnel, makes sense. It's expensive. Any option is expensive, but it makes sense.

It makes sense because all other options consign our city to a decade of gridlock and disruption, commerce brought to a crawl. This project makes sense because it creates a seamless transition between the northern and southern halves of our city, taking pressure off the streets that serve Magnolia, Ballard, Green Lake.

This project makes sense because it will employ many construction workers, like myself. I'm a laborer with Local 440, and I might just get a few years of work out of this project. And those salaries will revitalize -- help revitalize our economy. I will spend most of my money in West Seattle, where I live.

But more importantly, this project makes sense because I love my city. I want a functioning city that's also a pleasant place to be, and this project, deep bored tunnel, serves both those purposes by creating that transition from north to south while opening up some possibilities of green space on our waterfront and making that a pleasant place to be for humans.

Also, this project makes sense because it's the only project -- the only option that allows commerce and traffic to continue flowing while it is being built, thereby minimizing the disruption when the viaduct does

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(End of comment.)