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I find it completely inappropriate that the EIS for the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement did not include a plausible transit-oriented alternative, such as the so-called "ST5" plan. It has the appearance of using options that were specifically selected to make the deep bore tunnel look attractive, rather than being a true scientific inquiry into the environmental impacts of possible alternatives. The process for selecting a plan appears to have been subverted from the start, and no tunnel proponent has satisfactorily denied this allegation.

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The alternatives development and screening process is described in Chapter 2, Questions 2 through 7, of the Final EIS. Specifically, the additional traffic analysis completed for the surface and transit hybrid concept is discussed in Question 7 of Chapter 2. Supporting information on alternatives screening is contained in Appendix W of the Final EIS.