

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Would like to be added to the project mailing list?

Yes

Project Comments:

I favor the aerial (first choice) or rebuild (second choice). I totally oppose the tunnel!!! It is too expensive and would be another "big dig" like the mess in Boston! The most scenic view in Seattle, and the ONLY view that I have of Puget Sound, is from the viaduct as it is currently built when I drive over it. A tunnel will improve the view ONLY of those wealthy enough to have an office in a downtown highrise or who can afford a high rise tunnel. The average citizen deserves a view and deserves a reasonably priced, safe viaduct. If the tunnel option is chosen, then let those groups who advocate for it - raise the funds for it themselves privately. The tunnel is a taxpayer rip off!!!!

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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments. Elements of the Rebuild and Aerial Alternatives were incorporated into the Elevated Structure Alternative to meet today's safety standards while minimizing the effects of a wider structure. This alternative was analyzed in the 2006 Supplemental Draft EIS, and the design was refined in the Final EIS. Because the project has evolved since comments were submitted in 2004, please refer to the Final EIS for current information.

The views of Elliott Bay, Puget Sound, and the Olympic Mountains are prized by many. Views are currently enjoyed by motorists and passengers traveling on the upper deck of the existing viaduct. However, the views for motorists and pedestrians using downtown streets in the vicinity of the waterfront are interrupted by the existing viaduct structure. This structure is considered by some to be a substantial visual intrusion as well as a source of noise and shadow for the Pioneer Square Historic District and the Central Waterfront. Impacts to views are discussed in the Final EIS and considered in detail in Appendix D, Visual Quality Discipline Report.