

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Would like to be added to the project mailing list?

Yes

Project Comments:

My comments are specifically regarding the central viaduct section of the project. It appears to me that most of the options put forward thus far are overblown and too costly. In my opinion all tunnel-based options should be shelved. I'd like to propose an alternative which I haven't seen yet, which I believe would cost less than most current options: put 99 on the surface and build a park over it. Better yet, build parking and retail/restaurant structures over it, and a park on top of that. It'd still be lower than the existing viaduct, and lower than the proposed aerial options. Park-goers would have phenomenal views, and the views from the city would be improved. Business within the structure would help offset the cost. Re-route surface streets and parking to accommodate 99, tear down the old viaduct, use the debris to make a new pier... Has anyone proposed anything like this? I've made a graphic that I'd like to submit. Thanks.

Comments apply to:
Overall Project
Other Topic: aerial park

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Thank you for your alternative suggestion. The deck of the structure you propose would need to be high enough to allow vertical clearance for trucks, and the structures required for the development of the elevated surface would be a minimum of one story tall. The deck itself would need to be deep enough to support the development you've proposed. The resulting structure would act as a multiple-story wall between downtown and the waterfront, affecting east/west travel for vehicles, pedestrians, and traffic, impacting views and visual character for people at street level, and diminishing neighborhood connectivity between the waterfront, Belltown, the Market, and Pioneer Square.

Since publication of the Draft EIS in 2004, the project has evolved. The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative. Please see the Final EIS for current project information.