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To: MacDonald, Doug
Subject: Opposed to SR 99 tunnel in Seattle

Dear Secretary MacDonald:

I-677-001 | I oppose Mayor Nickels' proposed tunnel project on SR 99 in Seattle.

As your department found the maximum cost of a tunnel exceeds the cost of a viaduct replacement by \$2.2 billion, and given the uncertainty of schedules and budgets associated with a large waterfront tunnel, I believe the state should proceed with the viaduct replacement instead.

Regards,
Rich Baldwin
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FHWA, WSDOT, and the City of Seattle appreciate receiving your comments. The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative for this project. Cost estimates for the alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS are:

Bored Tunnel - \$1.96 billion

Cut-and-Cover - \$3.0 to \$3.6 billion

Elevated Structure - \$1.9 to \$2.4 billion