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Inasmuch as the extra cost of replacing the Alaska Way viaduct with a tunnel rather than an elevated road similar to the existing structure, which will benefit few other than Seattle property owners, I believe the entire cost should be born by Seattle. Not a dime should come from the state, the federal government or King County.

The public three times voted FOR a monorail (before it was rejected over a financial fiasco) thus showing the public's acceptance of elevated transportation. But our state's Department of Transportation ignored the signal and is giving us a light rail system with tunnels, at greater cost per mile, although light rail never faced a vote on its own. It was part of a large package like a congressional pork item.

If global warming continues and the sea rises as environmentalists predict, how long will the tunnel below sea level survive?

Seattle's waterfront now works. It has worthy

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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. Current data on global warming and possible sea level increases are being used to ensure that the tunnel would be protected from rising sea levels. The Final EIS Summary Chapter contains updated information on funding for the preferred alternative.

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attractions, which will not suffer much from a direct viaduct replacement – or an adequate repair job.

Mayor Nickels wants to make a monument to his administration like the Seattle Library which may be grand but added great cost that did nothing to improve its function as a library. Seattle chose Nickels; let Seattle and its waterfront property owners who hope to benefit from the extravagant tunnel system, pay ALL the cost for his monument.

I do not wish to ride or drive in any tunnels.

I have written my state and federal representatives with these comments.

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