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ILWU Local #19 would like to comment on the DEIS for the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

C-034-001 We feel first and foremost that the most important thing to consider is to keep the present access level to container Terminal #46 during and after construction.

Terminal #46 is one of the main three (3) terminals in the Port of Seattle that drives the economic engine of the state and of the nation.

Whichever alternative is picked, Terminal #46 must remain a viable working container terminal. It would be ideal if on the south end, E. Marginal Way could be moved to the East and Terminals 25 & 30 could be fully utilized as container terminals, and have direct access to the S.I.G. intermodal yard.

The ILWU feels that the WSDOT, FHWA and SDOT have a great opportunity to keep the Port of Seattle a gateway to the world.

The Pacific Maritime Association estimates cargo will double through the West Coast by 2015, and the Port of Seattle is in position to prosper if we plan for the future.

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The lead agencies have coordinated extensively with the Port of Seattle throughout the alternative development process. The Port of Seattle has included Terminal 46 in their list of Port properties where access and function must be protected as a key container terminal facility. The lead agencies recognize the need to maintain access to the railyards and all rail operations as well as the regional highway system.

As design and construction sequencing proceeds, the lead agencies will work closely with the Port of Seattle to identify any necessary staging areas, negotiate any needed construction easements, and minimize impacts to Port facilities.