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The Honorable R. C. "Ray" LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: FEIS Alaska Way Tunnel
Seattle, Washington

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I-005-001 | There are two aspects of the proposed Alaska Way tunnel which profoundly trouble me. The first is its exorbitant cost. And it does not matter whether the funds are City, State or Federal. It is taxpayer money and I pay to all three entities.

I-005-002 | The second is its seeming purposelessness. It will carry non-freeway traffic north and south of the downtown core, but without any access to, or egress from, the downtown itself. I frankly cannot comprehend why we would build something with such minimal function.

Please do whatever you and your agency can to abort this wasteful and useless project.

Very truly yours,

J. Roger Nowell

cc: Ms. Angela Angove
Washington State Department of Transportation

I-005-001

Costs for the Bored Tunnel and funding for the project are described in the Summary, Question 12, and Chapter 2, Questions 5 and 7 of the Final EIS.

I-005-002

The Bored Tunnel will provide substantially improved traffic conditions compared to the Viaduct Closed (No Build Alternative). Traffic effects of the project are described in Chapter 5, Questions 2 through 15, of the Final EIS and in Appendix C, Transportation Discipline Report, Chapters 5 and 7.