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MR. FRIEDMAN: State Route 99 is a state route so should be voted on by the citizens of Washington. Democracy only works if the electorate is informed. Not only have the powers that be not given us all the information, but they didn't even let the whole state vote.

If folks knew that they could have a safer, quieter elevated Alaska Way Viaduct for even the same amount of money that a deep bored tunnel would cost, the vote would probably be 3-to-1 in favor of rebuild.

At the rate our choices are being limited, next might be no personal motor vehicles at all in downtown Seattle. But built Seattle doesn't have the charm of Zermatt, Switzerland, where there are no cars. Keep Seattle Seattle. No bored tunnel.

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The Program team is committed to sharing information and involving the public in the ongoing process for replacing the aging Alaskan Way Viaduct. Please see Appendix A, Public Involvement Discipline Report, for additional information.

The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative due to its ability to best meet the project's identified purposes and needs and the support it has received from diverse interests. The Bored Tunnel Alternative has also been endorsed by Governor Gregoire, the 2009 Washington State Legislature, and other elected bodies such as the Seattle City Council and the Port of Seattle Commission.