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Is like trying to stuff 10 pounds of meat into a five-pound bag.

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As shown in the traffic analysis presented in Chapter 5 of the Final EIS, the Cut-and-Cover Tunnel and Elevated Structure Alternatives are expected to carry higher traffic volumes through downtown on SR 99 because of the Elliott and Western Avenue ramps. However, during peak travel times, this added traffic volume would result in lower travel speeds on SR 99 between S. King Street and Denny Way than are estimated for the Bored Tunnel Alternative.

SR 99 is projected to carry fewer vehicles through the south area and downtown with the Bored Tunnel Alternative. Despite this, total vehicle volumes across the transportation network are expected to be comparable for the build alternatives. Therefore, the transportation network in downtown Seattle is expected to carry nearly the same volume of traffic for each of the alternatives, but with the Bored Tunnel Alternative, SR 99 will carry fewer vehicles in the south and central areas than with the other alternatives. Because of this, more vehicles are projected to travel on city streets with the Bored Tunnel Alternative than with the other alternatives.