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**Subject:** do NOT build a tunnel, tear down the viaduct, turn it into a park

**I-016-001**

After reading the impact statement of the proposed tunnel, I have three thoughts on the matter:

- do NOT build a tunnel
- tear down the viaduct
- turn it into a park

I can live without the viaduct, and a majority of Seattleites can too. Please do not burden our children, and our children's children with unforeseen debt, loss of historic buildings, and this misguided attempt at moving people around this city. We don't need any of it. Tear the viaduct down, build a park. Simple as that.

Sincerely,  
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### **I-016-001**

There are only two north-south through routes in Seattle: I-5 and SR 99 on the existing viaduct. With I-5 already at capacity during peak periods and throughout much of the day, SR 99 plays a critical role in the regional transportation system.

If the viaduct is closed and the central waterfront portion of SR 99 not replaced, trips that would have used the roadway would need to find other routes. Because alternative routes are longer and already congested, we expect that some travelers would change their travel patterns or avoid the trip entirely. In addition, land use and development patterns would adapt to different degrees of accessibility. Without the viaduct, the trips to and from the downtown core would not change much, but through trips (i.e., trips between districts north and south of downtown in the primary travel shed) would change to a greater degree.

In addition, many transit routes to and from downtown Seattle are on SR 99 or nearby parallel streets such as First Avenue S., Dexter Avenue, and Elliott and Western Avenues. Without the viaduct, this transit access would be greatly impeded. Further, the loss of the viaduct would also eliminate one of only three truck routes through downtown, and increased vehicle volumes on downtown streets would degrade conditions for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

In summary, not replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct would have a significant adverse effect, and it would require many years for the area businesses and residents to adjust.