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Why should the tax payers foot the bill for this tunnel? They say it will be \$3 billion but it will almost certainly cost up to \$10 billion, and for what? Yes it will be nicer, and more quiet down at the waterfront, but the big benefit will be for a handful of property owner who will reap a tenfold return on their investment. Why don't we get them to kick in a big chunk?

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The state legislature authorized funding to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct in RCW 47.01.402. According to this law;

"The legislature finds that the replacement of the vulnerable state route number 99 Alaskan Way viaduct is a matter of urgency for the safety of Washington's traveling public and the needs of the transportation system in central Puget Sound."

This legislation also authorizes WSDOT to obligate two billion eight hundred million dollars. In order to fund this obligation the legislation further identifies sources of funding: \$2,400,000,000 of state funding; \$400,000,000 of toll funding.

In the absence of toll funding WSDOT would still have the authorization to issue contracts up to \$2,800,000,000 but the mix of funding sources would change. It is assumed that the toll funding would be replaced by new or reprioritized federal, state, or local funding sources.

The legislation authorizing WSDOT to proceed with the project also has a provision that those in Seattle who benefit from the project should be responsible for cost overruns. WSDOT interprets this as a statement of legislative intent that would need clarification to become operative.